

# Oxford Brookes Environmental Policy

Oxford Brookes University is committed to fulfilling its environmental compliance obligations and delivering environmental sustainability throughout its operations and academic programmes. The University seeks to continually improve its environmental performance whilst aiming to deliver the following goals:

- Be a sector leader in energy efficient, low carbon operations and behavioural practices
- Use a hierarchical approach to waste management through waste prevention, reduction, re-use, recycling and recovery
- Preserve and enhance biodiversity across our estate
- Promote, in partnership with our catering contractors, a sustainable food offering whilst continually striving to enhance the consumer experience
- Promote water conservation through efficient use and management of water resources
- Be a leading organisation in the higher education community for sustainable and ethical procurement
- Promote and support sustainable travel options for students and staff in order to minimise negative environmental impacts
- Prevent pollution and manage emissions and discharges
- Develop and design new builds in line with our environmental and sustainability objectives

The University will use an Environmental Management System (EMS) as a framework for its continual improvement process and is committed to maintaining ISO14001(2015) EMS certification. This framework will consist of an overarching Environmental Policy supported by a series of Environmental Strategies, outlining our 'vision', 'key drivers' and 'objectives' for our key environmental aspects, carbon & energy, waste, water, biodiversity, food/catering, procurement and transport. This will be underpinned by Action Plans with set targets and operational control procedures. Together, these documents define the scope of our EMS and provide a process for monitoring, measuring and communicating progress to all our interested parties, both internal

and external. Performance against our key objectives and targets will be reported annually to senior management. This environmental policy contributes to the University's wider commitment to social responsibility.

This strategy will be reviewed annually by the Environmental Sustainability Team and signed off by the Vice Chancellor Group.

**VCG sign off**

**Signature**

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**Date** 18/01/2024