



University of  
**Chester**

# *UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER*

## Sustainability Policy 2022/2023

As an educator and employer, the University of Chester prides itself on its history and values. In an ever changing higher education landscape it is vital that the University adapts to embrace environmental sustainability as part of every process, decision and action.

By actively engaging with students, staff and the wider local community, and by means of the Carbon Management Plan, the University aims to embed sustainability in to all of its educational activities and services in order to help achieve our vision of a sustainable world for present and future generations.

The University has targeted eight key areas to focus on:

Waste Management	Construction and Refurbishment
Transport and Travel	Energy and Emissions
Sustainable Procurement	Community Involvement
Water	Biodiversity

## IN THE EIGHT KEY AREAS WE AIM TO

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- comply with all applicable legal requirements and other requirements to which the University subscribes;
- set and communicate clear quantifiable objectives and targets to ensure continual improvement in environmental performance;
- put in place the appropriate controls to prevent pollution;
- reduce the University's carbon dioxide emissions through the delivery of the Carbon Management Plan;
- provide all students and staff with the opportunity to feedback, engage with them and raise awareness of sustainability issues at regular Sustainability Forums as a part of the Green Chester campaign;
- in partnership with the Students' Union support sustainability related curricular and extracurricular activities and initiatives;
- encourage the adoption of sustainable travel practices by staff, students and visitors travelling to and from University campuses;
- reduce the environmental impact of the University through conservation of its material resources;
- put in place measures to promote reduction, re-use and recycling of waste;
- implement the University's Sustainable Procurement Policy, engage with suppliers and encourage improvements in the environmental performance of suppliers, goods and services;
- ensure new building developments take into account sustainable design and construction principles;
- take positive action to promote biodiversity on sites that the University manages or owns;
- engage with the Higher Education Sector and the wider community to promote environmental best practice and seek collaborative opportunities for innovation;
- provide information regarding the University's environmental management system (EcoCampus) performance to staff, students, visitors and all other interested parties;
- ensure that the Sustainability Policy is reviewed annually, documented, implemented, communicated and available publically to all staff and students and individuals working for or on behalf of the University;
- encourage sites, where the University of Chester operates in partnership with other organisations, to adopt a policy in accordance with the commitments laid out within this Policy.

The Sustainability Unit has daily responsibility for the strategic implementation and refinement of the policy and will report directly to the Strategic Executive Team through the Health, Safety and Environment Committee.

The policy is overseen by the Vice Chancellor and Strategic Executive Team who have ultimate responsibility for the environmental performance of the University.

All staff and students have a responsibility in delivering this policy.

Signed by Vice Chancellor  
Professor Eunice Simmons

