

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

The Board of Governors, the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, the Vice Chancellor's Board, Deans of Faculties and Heads of Operational Departments of Wrexham University are committed to the continuous improvement of our environmental and sustainability performance, as part of our overall goal of implementing the principles of sustainable development in all areas of our organisation.

THE SCOPE OF THE POLICY

As a University that aims to inspire, educate and enable success, we aim to conduct our operations to reflect best environmental practice. We understand that our activities have an impact on the environment and are committed to continual improvement of our environmental performance, which will be monitored through our Sustainability Action Forum. Our Environmental Sustainability Strategy will provide a strategic framework to influence and shape the organisation to develop and implement best practise in environmental and sustainability performance.

Specifically, we will:

- Comply with applicable environmental legislation and other requirements which the University subscribes to that relate to our environmental aspects
- Manage our activities to ensure they are effective in preventing pollution
- Set, achieve and review measurable targets for key performance criteria on waste management, travel and transport, sustainable procurement, energy and carbon management, water use, construction and refurbishment, emissions and discharges, biodiversity
- Minimise negative environmental impacts caused by the University's operations including reducing waste and the efficient use of energy and natural resources.
- Take account of Higher Education best practice on target setting and reporting, including benchmarking performance against other similar organisations
- Ensure environmental issues linked to construction works are considered during design development and that both procurement and contracting decisions are influenced by good environmental practice.
- Embed across the curriculum and the University's support services the cross-cutting themes of sustainable development, environmental management, and global citizenship by fostering environmentally conscious learning behaviours
- Ensure, as far as possible, all new buildings meet or exceed all relevant UK environmental legislation and regulatory codes of practice
- Engage with staff and students to capture ideas on how the University can help meet the challenges of sustainable development
- Make public the Energy and Sustainability Management Policy Statement
- Communicate the policy to all persons working for or on behalf of the University.

The University will take necessary steps, including measuring performance and auditing compliance, to ensure that the policy is understood and is implemented at all levels.

Signed:



Date: 29th November 2024

Professor Joe Yates
Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive

Signed:



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Dr Leigh Griffin
Chair of the Board of Governors