

University of Glamorgan

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY STATEMENT

Sustainability aims to fulfil human needs while preserving the environment so that these needs can be met not only in the present, but also for future generations. The University's commitment to sustainability consists of a holistic approach that involves:

- A long-term, integrated approach to developing and achieving a healthy community for staff, students and visitors by jointly addressing economic, environmental and social issues, whilst avoiding the over consumption of key natural resources.
- Adapting a series of policies and strategies which over time underpin how the University operates, functions and presents itself to the outside world.
- Complying with the increasing demand to perform across a wide range of environmental, social and economic drivers.
- To draw upon and include our staff, students, visitors, business contacts, suppliers, local residents and partners.

As one demonstration of the University's commitment to sustainability, we have set up a formal environmental management system according to the principles set out in BS EN ISO 14001:2004 "Environmental Management Systems". The University of Glamorgan offers a wide range of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level and has significant research activities. A Sustainability Handbook has been produced that reflects the University's Procedures and key performance indicators in the following categories:

- Energy, Water and Waste Management
- Carbon Management
- Sustainable Travel
- Environmental Management
- Construction & Refurbishment
- Sustainable Procurement
- Biodiversity
- Curriculum, Research & Development


These will contribute to preserving the environment for current and future generations, during staff, students or visitors time spent within the University. The handbook is issued with the authority of the Vice Chancellor, who is accountable to the Board of Governors for the University's performance and behaviour. This Policy Statement is supplemented by other specific statements relating to particular sustainable aspects, e.g. energy conservation, traffic. These supplementary statements can be found in the Handbook.

To ensure that this sustainability policy is kept up to date, we have instituted an annual audit. The audit has three objectives:

- To ensure that we react properly as the law changes.
- To update the Sustainability Handbook accordingly.
- To check that we are complying with the procedures that have been adopted.

Although it is the Board of Governors of the University of Glamorgan which has the ultimate responsibility for the sustainable performance of the University, we all have to share this responsibility. The Governors encourage everyone, staff and students, to act in a way which will fulfil human needs while preserving the environment so that these needs can be met not only in the present, but also for future generations, and will gladly receive any practical suggestions about ways in which our performance can be improved.

Vice Chancellor



Date

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