

Environmental Policy Statement

The University of Liverpool Sustainability Strategy is founded on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and is aligned to the wider ambitions of the University as set out in the strategic framework 'Liverpool 2031', which includes sustainability as a cross-cutting theme.

This policy sets out key environmental objectives to support us in achieving the ambitions of our Sustainability Strategy and tackling the climate and ecological crisis, ensuring we build sustainability into everything we do:

- We will achieve Net Zero emissions by 2035.
- We will reduce our general waste sent to incineration with energy recovery by 50% by 2025* and improve our understanding of specialist waste collected from the University estate.
- We will create a curriculum for all which is sustainable and inclusive in its content and delivery and empower employees to make sustainable decisions.
- We will develop sustainable procurement standards which actively promote local impact and supply chain equity.
- We will promote biodiversity across the University estate and throughout our value chain.
- We will implement a climate resilient campus, ensuring continuity of operations and services in a changing environment.

The University of Liverpool is dedicated to the advancement of learning and the ennoblement of life through transformative research and teaching. It aims to manage its operations in ways that are environmentally sustainable, economically feasible and socially responsible.

This policy sets out the University's commitment to reducing negative environmental impacts and enhancing positive environmental impacts. To this end the University is committed to:

- The protection of the environment including the prevention of pollution, the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and ecosystems, climate change mitigation and adaptation and the sustainable use of resources.
- Developing our ISO 14001:2015 certified Environmental Management System (EMS). This includes a commitment to continually improve our environmental performance, fulfil our compliance obligations and achieve the environmental objectives set out in this policy.
- Develop partnerships which align with our values and drive forward better outcomes locally and globally.
- Communicating our environmental performance internally and externally.

The policy applies to the operations and activities of all departments within the University and university owned or leased commercial facilities. The responsibilities and arrangements for practical steps arising out of this policy will be managed and monitored by the Sustainability Team via the EMS.

The policy is reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant and reflects national policies and strategies.

Approved.....

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*Baselined against a 10 year average (2009 – 2019)
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