

Environmental and Ethical Sustainability Policy for LSBU

Background

This policy relates to the University's approach to issues of environmental and ethical sustainability, which need to be considered alongside the imperative of organisational sustainability. The policy is based on the following definition:

Sustainability concerns

- our needs and aspirations
- individually and collectively
- locally and globally
- now and in the future

Those issues underpin the mission and ethos of University, which aims to transform lives, businesses and communities. In order to do so, LSBU needs to embed a sustainability culture that is visibly demonstrated through the way that the University is run, its engagement with external stakeholders, and the education and professional development opportunities that it provides.

Which areas should be covered by the policy?

Under the three themes of campus, community and curriculum (the 3Cs), the policy covers:

- Education and the curriculum
- Research and enterprise
- Estates developments and 'green' buildings
- Carbon management
- Recycling (including re-use and re-purposing), waste management and water
- Ethical procurement, banking and investment
- Catering
- Travel
- Biodiversity
- Health & wellbeing
- Human Rights and working conditions
- Community engagement and outreach

Overarching policy statement

LSBU is committed to embedding sustainability cost-effectively in all of its activities, with policies, guidelines and procedures that explicitly require the demonstration of sustainable practices.

How will this policy be implemented?

- a) For each theme of sustainability (the 3Cs), there will be an Operations Board lead.
- b) Policies, guidelines and procedures will be developed within each area, under the direction of the executive lead, and within the various sections of the University (e.g. Schools or PSGs).
- c) Overseeing the policy will be the Sustainability Steering Group (SSG), chaired by the DVC, which will provide a brief annual report each June for the Executive Committee and for the Board of Governors. The SSG will meet 4 times a year, and will initiate projects as appropriate (typically 2-4 per year), including gaining external funding and/or developing the business case as necessary.
- d) Maintain and support relationships with key bodies with a sustainability mission or remit.

How will 'success' be measured?

The principles of sustainability need to be clearly demonstrated in all parts of the University, and this should be clear from information available internally and externally on the Web. In addition, the University should aim to remain in the top 30 'most sustainable' universities in the UK using national metrics (e.g. University League, AUDE Green Scorecard) and build and maintain recognition for 'best practices' on a European and international basis.

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