



Environmental Policy

The University of Buckingham recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to minimising the environmental impact of its operations through the adoption of sustainable practices and continual improvement in environmental performance as an integral part of our management and business strategy. We aim to develop a sustainable business that is financially viable, environmentally sustainable, and socially equitable. We are committed to regular (at least annual) review and revision of this policy. We will encourage our students, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to do the same.

Responsibility

This environmental policy applies to all of our activities which includes management, administration, academic, operations and procurement. The Vice Chancellor has overall responsibility for ensuring that sufficient resources are made available to enable the University to achieve our environmental objectives and targets and that the policy is implemented.

The Estates Bursar has day to day responsibility for ensuring that the requirements of this policy are being followed and for monitoring the effectiveness of the objectives. The policy will be monitored by the Health, Safety and Environment Committee. However, all employees and students have a responsibility to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

In order to achieve this the University will observe the following practices:

- 1. Be conscious of the environment beyond our immediate operations and take steps to prevent pollution and minimise environmental harm and nuisance, through:**
 - introducing a travel plan,
 - increasing employee awareness and training,
 - reducing the consumption of resources such as paper and plastic,
 - work with our waste collection company to ensure that our waste is recycled where possible and does not go into landfill.
- 2. Monitor and comply with legislation, regulations, and codes of practice on environmental matters relevant to university operations, through:**
 - maintain compliance with ESOS (Energy Saving Opportunity Scheme) requirements and appropriate regulations,
 - achieve compliance with relevant regulatory requirements and codes of practice.
- 3. Monitor, review, and continually improve our environmental performance, through:**
 - continually reassessing changing technology, business requirements, and best environmental practices.
- 4. Be proactive in minimising our production of waste and reusing or recycling materials, through:**
 - reducing the consumption of fossil fuels and incorporating long-term strategies for energy efficiency into planning and development.
- 5. Develop sustainable supply chains by using suppliers wherever appropriate that have environmental standards compatible with our own.**

Signature.....

Date

Vice-Chancellor

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Date

Chair of Council

The policy is reviewed on a periodic basis.