

FICS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Environmental sustainability and climate change are probably the greatest issues facing humankind in the twenty-first century: they are a major focus of Exeter's research and teaching activities and a key responsibility for the staff, students and governors of the University.

As part of the University Strategy 2030 to use the power of our education and research to create a sustainable, healthy and socially just future, the following Environmental Management goals have been adopted as the scope of the environmental management system (EMS) relating to Finance, Infrastructure & Commercial Services (FICS) and its activities, services and operations.

GOALS:

1. All FICS activities/operations shall have a carbon net zero impact and or result in environmental gain by 2030, relating to 2 Campus Locations: Streatham and St Luke's (Exeter)
2. Establish, embed and maintain an environmental management system which reflects the ongoing needs of the students, staff and University and its strategic agenda.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The FICS Senior Management Team (SMT) are accountable for ensuring the Policy is implemented, with support of the Sustainability Team. Implementation of carbon net zero, minimising the impact on the environment, pollution prevention and enhancing the biodiversity of the Campus environment will be embedded in all new decisions/operations and activities and incrementally embedded into existing processes, contracts and tenders on renewal. All employees have a responsibility to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

POLICY AIMS:

1. Respect, embrace and actively support the University agenda for carbon net zero and environmental net gain outcomes across all our operations and activities,
2. Proactively act in ways to support environmental net gain and the climate emergency, raising awareness and recognising positive action (via objectives and target setting),
3. Demonstrate commitment to managing, minimising and mitigating the impacts from operations, activities, research and education (including pollution prevention and impact minimisation),
4. Seek to minimise the environmental impact through environment and climate emergency conscious decision making including choice of products, partners and suppliers,
5. Evaluate performance and transparently report on decisions, outcomes and actions; providing commentary and explanations holding ourselves to account,
6. Demonstrate compliance with all relevant legislation as a minimum, and where possible go beyond it
7. Demonstrate commitment to improve continually and monitor environmental performance, report openly and transparently to support greater recognition of the benefits of environmental change and ensure that outcomes do not create a detriment to any group with protected characteristics within our community.

FICS will embrace the Environment and Climate Emergency Agenda both strategically and Campus wide through its development of carbon footprint reduction initiatives, Climate Action Plans and staff, student and community engagement. We will strive to minimise negative impacts and optimise positive opportunities delivering our Climate Emergency targets and goals through our Strategy 2030 values; recognising our Campus wide and local reach, our diverse operations and partnerships.

Signed:



**Position: Chief Financial Officer &
Executive Divisional Director of FICS**

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