

# Environmental Sustainability Policy



## Introduction

The University of Bolton recognises and seeks to minimise the environmental impacts resulting from its activities and acknowledges its position as an influencer of environmental sustainability in the wider community regionally, nationally and globally. The University of Bolton holds a transformational role driving positive impact and empowering individuals and communities through knowledge creation and dissemination. This policy outlines the University's commitments in managing these impacts to ensure alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by United Nations and embedding these as overarching principles of our corporate strategy and culture, supported by our Environmental Sustainability Committee; a sub-committee reporting to the University Executive Board.

## Policy Statement

The University of Bolton firmly believes in the principles of sustainability and is committed to working towards exceeding the requirements of relevant environmental legislation to enhance, improve and regularly review its environmental performance and will:

- Influence and engage current and future generations of staff and students by integrating and embedding a deeper consideration of environmental issues into all relevant aspects of the University's teaching, learning and research activities;
- Continue to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels, water, energy and increase efficient use of other materials;
- Implement strategies which enhance carbon reduction through energy efficient, low carbon measures, recyclable components and renewables;
- Implement a structured approach to long-term waste management strategies, reduce overall waste production and increase the recycled component of the waste stream;
- Promote and facilitate sustainable modes of transport to, from, and within the University;
- Develop and maintain the grounds and buildings (including any future developments) of the University in an environmentally considered manner and ensure protection and enhancement of natural habitats and biodiversity;
- Implement an integrated management system approach to monitor and improve our environmental sustainability performance;
- Have a purchasing policy aligned with SDGs which considers whole life costing, favour those products and services that are most environmentally friendly and include contractual obligations to encourage suppliers to follow good practice in line with the Chartered Institute of Procurement guidelines;
- Collaborate with the local authorities, our community, other universities and relevant agencies to promote and raise awareness of good environmental sustainability practices among staff, students and other stakeholders across the University.

**Ratified by the University of Bolton Executive Board on 03 March 2020**