

The Board of Governors, the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, the Vice Chancellors Board and Heads of Schools/Departments of Glyndŵr University are committed to the continuous improvement of our environmental and sustainability performance, as part of our overall goal of implementing the principles of sustainable development in all areas of our organisation and whom it serves and to ensure that environmental objectives are integrated into relevant business objectives.

THE SCOPE OF THE POLICY

As a University that aims to inspire, educate and enable success, we aim to conduct our organisation and operations to reflect best environmental practice. We understand that our activities have an impact on the environment, and are committed to continual improvement of our environmental performance, which will be monitored through our carbon management plan.

Specifically, we will:

- Comply with applicable environmental legislation and with other requirements to which the organisation subscribes that relates to our environmental aspects;
- Ensure Glyndŵr University and its activities are effective in preventing pollution, and seek continuous improvement in all our operations, including the allocation of responsibilities and resources as appropriate.
- Set and achieve measurable targets for key performance criteria on energy, transport, emissions, waste and water in order to monitor and to report on the University's environmental performance against an agreed baseline.
- Minimise any negative environmental impacts caused by the University's operations and activities, use energy and natural non-renewable resources efficiently and prevent or minimise waste and pollution;
- Take account of Higher Education best practice on target setting, reporting and benchmark performance against other similar organisations.
- Ensure environmental issues are considered at planning and procurement stage and all contracting decisions are influenced by good environmental practice.
- Embed across the curriculum, and within the University the cross cutting themes of sustainable development, environmental management, and global citizenship, and fostering learning behaviours to be environmentally conscious.
- Ensure, as far as possible, all new buildings exceed all relevant UK, European and international environmental legislation and regulatory codes of practice;
- Engage staff and students to provide their ideas on how the University can help meet the challenges of sustainable development.
- Make public the Environmental and Sustainability Management Policy Statement.
- Comply with, monitor and report against the Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme.
- The policy is communicated to all persons working for or on behalf of the University and in furtherance of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DELIVERY

Consideration shall be given on the Environmental Aspects and Impacts by each member of staff, student, contractor and visitor whilst at the University. We must therefore, be aware of and take full responsibility for our actions and activities.

Signed:



Date:

17th Feb. '17

Professor Maria Hinfelaar
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive

Signed:



Date:

16th February 2017

Maxine Penlington OBE
Chair of the Board of Governors