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The University recognises that its activities, products and services in the provision of higher education to c24,000 students have an impact on the environment locally and on a national and international basis. The University leadership team is committed to adopt environmental management practices which invest in continual environmental improvement to reduce its environmental impacts and comply with environmental legislation.

To achieve this the University will:

1. Determine its compliance obligations and comply with environmental legislation
2. Manage, take corrective actions and improve environmental performance by managing an environmental management system to conform to the requirements of ISO 14001:2015
3. Manage its activities, services and products to prevent pollution to the environment (air, land and water)
4. Manage energy use and associated carbon emissions by taking measures to reduce gas, electricity and water consumption
5. Refurbish, design and construct buildings to meet sustainable construction standards and building regulations
6. Take opportunities to improve the biodiversity of its estate
7. Make purchasing decisions which demonstrate a commitment to sustainable procurement and the life cycle assessment of products and services.
8. Insist that suppliers and contractors comply with the requirements of the environmental management system and environmental practices and controls.

9. Reuse and recycle the waste it produces by providing appropriate facilities and control the disposal of hazardous wastes.
10. Promote sustainable travel modes of transport to reduce reliance on car journeys and the impacts this has on air quality and local communities.
11. Take opportunities to include environmental education within curriculum development and work collaboratively to promote environmental research and knowledge transfer.
12. Work with interested parties to meet compliance obligations and improve environmental performance.
13. Make this policy available to interested parties (e.g. staff, students, contractors, suppliers, public services and the public).

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