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ESTATES AND SUSTAINABILITY

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY WATER POLICY

Policy Vision

Kingston University recognises that many aspects of its operations use water and, due to it being a precious resource with embedded energy, the university is therefore committed to reducing water use and promoting water efficiency. All staff, students, consultants, and contractors are expected to collaborate to deliver water consumption reductions and efficiencies.

Policy Objectives

Kingston University is committed to providing adequate resources to meet the following objectives across all KU sites:

1. Use water meter data to establish an annual baseline for water use and to create a target for water reduction
2. Obtain automatic metering data for all billable water meters across the estate
3. Extend coverage of water meters and sub-meters ensuring, as a minimum, buildings above 1000m² have a sub-metered supply.
4. Monitor and measure water consumption and identify significant and abnormal water use
5. Reduce water use through targeting water intensive activities and encouraging efficient use of equipment
6. Investigate and develop opportunities for rainwater / grey water harvesting based on whole life costing.
7. Minimise the use of water through best practice maintenance routines
8. Achieve the highest possible water efficiency standards in the development of the Estate; with a BREEAM rating of 'Excellent' as a minimum for new build and refurbishments
9. Introduce standards for low water consuming equipment as part of procurement processes.
10. Collaborate with KU academics where practicable on sustainable water research
11. To ensure compliance with all legal requirements
12. Engage and Communicate with KU staff and students to encourage water saving behaviour

This Water Policy is owned by KU Estates and Sustainability and is reviewed every two years by the Estates Committee.

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