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ESTATES AND SUSTAINABILITY

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY WASTE, EMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES POLICY

Policy Statement Kingston University (KU) recognises that all aspects of our operations generate waste, emissions and discharges. We are committed to meeting and exceeding our compliance obligations, applying the waste hierarchy and proximity principle, minimising our impact on the environment and optimising our use of resources.

Policy Objectives To achieve our policy statement Kingston University has set the following objectives:

1. Measure and monitor waste, emissions and discharges across the University, quantifying generation, identifying significant or abnormal arisings and opportunities for improvement.
2. Communicate with key stakeholders (staff, students, suppliers and contractors) the importance of preventing waste generation in the first instance and encouraging the reuse of resources.
3. Where waste avoidance and reuse cannot be achieved, ensure material is recycled, composted, and anaerobically digested. KU will only utilise waste-to-energy as a last resort and shall not dispose of waste directly to landfill¹.
4. Where practically and economically feasible, support the proximity principle by treating waste as close to its point of production as possible.
5. Divert 60% of operational waste (residential and non-residential) from landfill/EfW per academic year.
6. Measure and monitor carbon emissions associated from KU's waste, emissions and discharges and reduce these emissions in line with the University's net zero carbon target.
7. Ensure the storage, segregation and disposal of waste meets relevant compliance obligations.
8. Develop procedures and provide training which supports key stakeholders in meeting the objectives of this policy.
9. Collaborate with KU academics and students on sustainable resource management research.

This policy applies to all waste produced at KU sites within our control. KU is committed to providing the resources needed to meet the above objectives. This Waste, Emissions and Discharges Policy is owned by Estates and Sustainability and reviewed every two years by the Estate Committee.

Signed by:

Steven Spier
Vice Chancellor
Date: 29/04/24

Signed by:

Caroline Harries
Chief Operating Officer
Date: 29/04/24

¹ Unless otherwise directed by Basic Waste Characterisation testing, Waste Acceptance Criteria testing or other relevant compliance obligations.