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## ESTATES AND SUSTAINABILITY

### KINGSTON UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

**Policy Statement** Kingston University is committed to embedding an environmentally sustainable approach within our operations and ways of working. We recognise that sustainability is a critically important strategic challenge and our role as a civic university puts us in a persuasive position to contribute to and influence the environmental sustainability agenda beyond the boundaries of our estate.

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

1. Understand the risks that climate change poses to the University and wider society, and recognise that we must urgently decarbonise, reducing our scope 1 and 2 CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to net zero by 2038/2039 and scope 3 CO<sub>2</sub> and other GHG emissions to net zero by 2050, in addition to adapting our Estate and operations to respond to the identified risks.
2. Identify and evaluate the main environmental aspects and impacts of our Estate and operations.
3. Set measurable environmental sustainability objectives and targets, ensure the availability of information and resources to monitor and achieve them.
4. Provide training to upskill and empower all staff to support the University's environmental sustainability objectives.
5. Fulfil compliance obligations related to Kingston University's environmental aspects and maintain documented information on our compliance obligations.
6. Manage and reduce our negative impacts on the local and wider environment through our commitment to protect the environment, prevent pollution, use natural resources efficiently and preserve and enhance biodiversity.
7. Communicate and engage staff, students and other interested parties on the topic of environmental sustainability to foster sustainable behaviour change and environmental responsibility.
8. Achieve and maintain an Environmental Management System (EMS) to the standard of ISO14001:2015 and enhance environmental performance through a programme of continual improvement and management review.

Kingston University is committed to providing the resources needed to meet the above objectives. This Environmental Policy is owned by Estates and Sustainability and is reviewed every two years by the Estate Committee.

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