

Environment Policy Statement

**Version 3.1**

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# 1.0 Introduction

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David Group, comprising the University, Coleg Sir Gar and Coleg Ceredigion, recognises that environmental sustainability issues are fundamental to the future health and wellbeing of all those involved across our operations, our wider communities and to the global climate emergency response

The Group is committed to:

* embedding sustainability across our campuses, curriculum and culture
* providing a stimulating, progressive and sustainable environment for learning, including
* full consideration of social, economic and environmental impacts and opportunities.

# 2.0 Strategy and Monitoring of Progress

Through its Strategic Plan 2023-25, the University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) articulates its values of Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship:

**Sustainable development**, by behaving in a way which ensures that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, and by systematically embedding this principle in our approach to teaching and learning.

**The concept of global citizenship**, through the development of multi-national activities and opportunities for our learners, staff and partners.

**Strategic Priority 4:** **A University for Wales** provides Measures of Success linked to sustainable development agendas and commitments, linked to Welsh Government priorities:

* Incorporation of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 goals and ways of working into the strategic planning of faculties and professional departments
* Implementation of sustainability commitments within Faculty and Departmental strategic plans
* Completion of curriculum audits to support wellbeing and sustainability commitments
* Recording environmental sustainability data and carbon management plan information to underpin sustainable campus environments

**Key Performance Indicato**r **8 (Estates and Infrastructure)** contains sustainability-linked measures which include: energy consumption, cost of core utilities, Scope 2 emissions.

Progress in relation to sustainable aims is monitored through annual strategic plan reporting and Key Performance Indicator Reporting provided to the Resources and Performance Committee and University Council.

# 3.0 Policy Aims

The Policy aims to proactively act in ways that raise awareness and encourage positive action through teaching, research and other University activities to:

* reduce energy consumption and associated carbon equivalent emissions across the Group
* reduce water consumption
* maintain our commitment to pollution prevention, minimising controllable source fugitive emissions and complying with all relevant environmental legislation or sector best practice
* build partnerships to share experience and knowledge of sustainability
* improve resource efficiency using the waste hierarchy, including only procuring what is necessary, maximizing reuse and recycling and avoiding waste to landfill
* continue to protect and manage our heritage buildings
* reduce supply chain scope three carbon emissions
* identify opportunities to reduce the impact of business travel, commuting and delivery mileage, for example encouraging and promoting walking, cycling, public transport and car-sharing alongside other initiatives
* adopt high environmental standards for planning the development of our campuses and construction and refurbishment projects
* continually improve the Group’s environmental performance as part of a single certified EMS.

#  3.0 Links to other policies / procedures

* Group Procurement Strategy
* Group Procurement Policy
* Ethical Investment Policy
* Sustainability Plan 22-25
* Biodiversity and Eco-Systems Duty – Forward Plan
* Carbon Management Plan
* Sustainable Travel Plan
* Sustainable Food Plan
* Waste Management Plan
* Water Management Plan
* Sustainability Engagement Action Plan

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