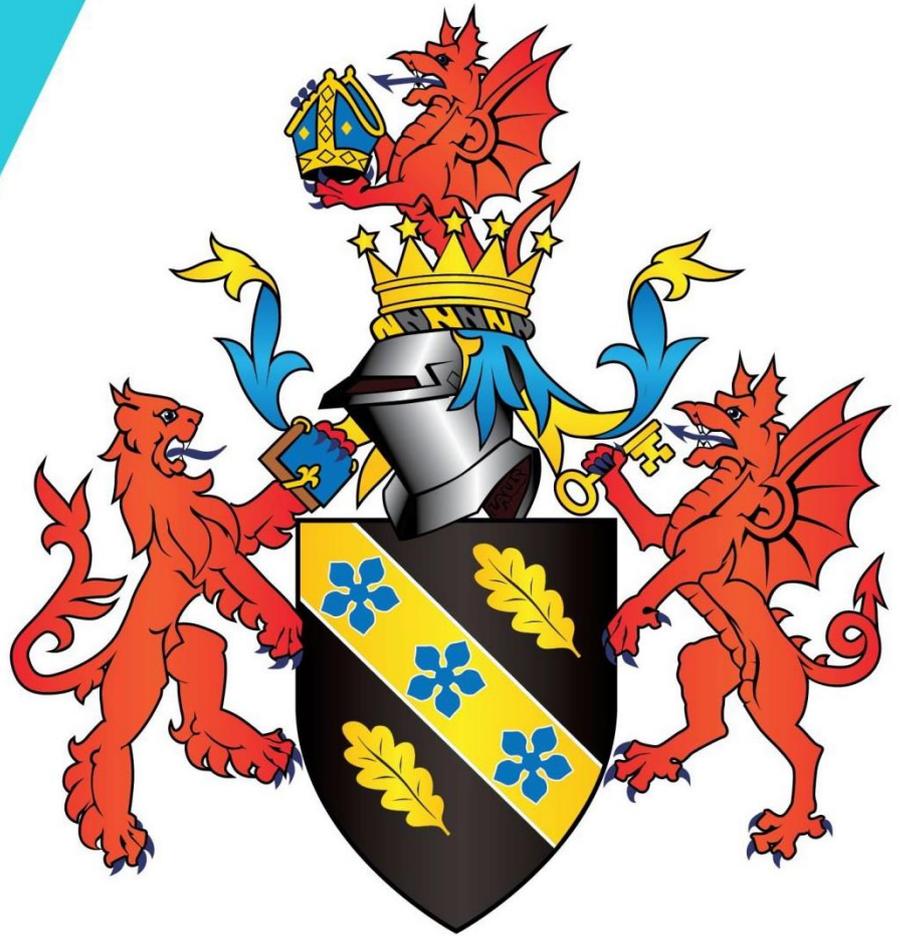




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WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY



1. Introduction

The Waste Management Policy communicates University of Wales Trinity Saint David's commitment to a sustainable approach to waste management and disposal, as an integral element of its activities. It demonstrates our commitment to continual improvement in environmental practices.

2. Definition

Waste can be defined as “**Any substance or object the holder discards, intends to discard or is required to discard**”.

3. Policy

Managing the disposal of waste is a major economic, social and environmental challenge. This policy aims to address the University's **legal responsibility** to apply the waste hierarchy, as follows: **REDUCE** (*most preferred*), **REUSE**, **RECYCLE**, **RECOVERY**, **LANDFILL** (*least preferred*).

We aim to ensure compliance with and exceed all legal requirements relating to waste management. We view waste management as a resource and environmental and recycling issues which is an integral element of our activities. We will demonstrate our commitment to continual improvement in environmental practices by:

- i. Seeking to minimise waste production by applying the practice of sustainable procurement. Thus preference for purchasing will, where practicable, will be for those products and services which cause least harm to the environment. Where possible using a Life-Cycle Analysis (LCA) methodology to minimise the associated carbon footprint and ease of recycling at the 'end of life', particularly adopting as far as possible, closed loop recycling.
- ii. Improving resource efficiency in accordance with the waste hierarchy of Prevention, Reuse, Recycling and Recovery to prevent Disposal. The prevention of food waste is a key requirement.
- iii. Encouraging our staff and students to consider waste as a resource thereby promoting a 'culture' of reducing waste production and advocating reuse where possible through the use of campaigns, information on the University's web site, appropriate signage, publicising its waste management achievements, etc.
- iv. Setting targets for recycling which will be monitored regularly and reviewed annually.
- v. Managing residual non-recyclable waste according to best environmental practice and best available technology (BAT).
- vi. Maintaining awareness of and compliance with all relevant legislation, regulations, codes of practice (EU, UK, Wales) and local or special requirements.



- vii. Working with partners and local communities, to share good practice and provide as far as possible a role model for others, in respect of its approach to waste management.
- viii. Doing all of the above in the most cost-effective sustainable manner, whilst providing a service consistent with best practice.

4. Scope

This policy is applicable all staff, students and other stakeholders at all UWTSD campuses.

5. Monitoring

Monitoring of this policy will be applied through regular audit reports of waste streams from contractors, plus some internal EMS waste audits.

7. Links to other policies / procedures

Environmental Policy - <http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/media/uwtsd-website/content-assets/documents/strategies-policies/2.0-Environmental-Sustainability-Policy-approved-21.05.15.pdf>

Sustainability Strategy - <http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/media/uwtsd-website/content-assets/documents/strategies-policies/sustainability-strategy.pdf> [Page(s) 9]

Strategic Plan - <http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/media/uwtsd-website/content-assets/documents/strategies-policies/uwtsd-strategic-plan.pdf> [Page(s) 2, 6]

Risk Management Policy – <http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/media/uwtsd-website/content-assets/documents/strategies-policies/risk-management-policy.pdf> [Page(s) 1]



8. Resource Implications

Implication	Detail
Finance	In-house audits and contractors reports included in costs.
Staff	Absorbed within existing operations directorate.
Assets	Bins and Bags.
Partners	None identified.
Timescales	Annual reporting in Environmental Statement, monthly contractors reports.
Leadership	Head of Sustainability Delivery.

9. Impact Assessment

Implication	Impact Considered (Yes/No)	Impact Identified
Legal	Yes	A number of pieces of legislation and regulation apply: e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 ((WSI 2003/1720) (W 187)) • The Hazardous Waste (Wales) Regulations 2005 (SI 2005/1806 W138) • The Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 (SI 1992/588) • The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/3113) • Waste (Wales) Measure 2010
Contribution to the Strategic Plan	Yes	Sustainable Development (p2). Sustainability KPI (p6)
Risk Analysis	Yes	Risk Management Policy (page 1.) Litigation
Equality	Yes	None identified.
Welsh Language	Yes	The policy will be made available bilingually.
Environmental and Sustainability	Yes	See links above to existing Policies
Communication/ Media / Marketing	Yes	Relevant policy updates will be communicated to staff and students via bulletins and MyDay. The Policy will be made available on the UWTSD website.

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10. Document version control

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