

Waste Management Plan

Waste is regarded as “any substance or object the holder discards, intends to discard or is required to discard” (Defra, August 2012). Managing our waste correctly is not only a legal obligation, but is essential to minimising our environmental impacts and improving sustainability as specified in the [Environmental Sustainability Policy](#) and the [Corporate Strategy](#). Innovative waste management initiatives could result in financial savings, and contributes to learning and awareness amongst our staff, students and stakeholders.

Our management of waste will be in accordance with the waste hierarchy.



(WRAP 2015)

The implementation of the plan shall be monitored and reviewed annually by the University Sustainability Management Group.

In order to manage our emissions and discharges, all university members must ensure that any manage waste in accordance with our [Waste Procedures](#) as overseen by the Sustainability Adviser.

Aim:

To reduce the volume of waste, and the associated carbon emissions, produced by the University, by implementing waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery initiatives.

Objectives:

- To ensure legal compliance.
- To reduce the amount of waste produced, and its associated emissions.
- To ensure staff are trained to handle waste correctly, including clinical and hazardous waste.
- To ensure all waste will be managed in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Targets:

- Increase on-site recycling segregation to 60% by 2020.
- Reduce total waste per student by 2% annually.

Actions:



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| Implement scan-to-print printers to reduce printing volumes. | October 2015 | IT Services | Complete |
| Trial the use of different coloured bags for recycling bins compared to General Waste bins. Review cost-benefit to determine if this should be implemented across the university. | April 2016 | Facilities Manager | Complete |
| Implement a process for the reuse of unwanted furniture arising from refurb projects. | May 2016 | Sustainability Adviser | Complete |
| Host the British heart Foundation scheme for student move out. | May 2016 | Sustainability Adviser | Complete |
| Develop and publicise new Waste Procedures for all waste streams across the university. | August 2016 | Sustainability Adviser | In progress |
| Implement reporting from O'Briens in relation to contamination issues i.e. problem areas, problem items. (This can be used to inform campaigns and training). | September 2016 | Facilities Manager | In progress |
| Ensure all bins include signage on what items can be placed in the bin. | September 2016 | Sustainability Adviser / Facilities Manager | In progress |
| Provide training on correct waste procedures to relevant teams e.g. cleaning, maintenance, technicians. | September 2016 | Facilities Manager | In progress |
| Review Warp It to make it the default first step in removing unwanted furniture and stationery. | September 2016 | Sustainability Adviser | In progress |
| All construction projects to include a Site Waste Management Plan, including reporting on the destinations and volume of waste (e.g. 1000kg recycled). | October 2016 | Andrew Mowbray | In progress |
| Run a Waste Aware Campaign to encourage staff and students to adopt waste reduction measures, and to undertake correct recycling. | November 2016 | Sustainability Adviser | In progress |
| Trial new internal bins with the aim of increasing on-site segregation of recycling. Roll out across the university if trial successful. | December 2016 (Roll out by 2017 if trial successful) | Facilities Manager | In progress |
| Promote and implement Love Food Hate Waste initiatives in Catering outlets and | December 2016 | Catering & Sustainability | Not actioned |



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| student Halls. | | Adviser | |
| Review the provision and location of internal bins across Campus. | April 2017 | Sustainability Adviser & Facilities Manager | Not actioned |
| Review the provision and location of external bins across Campus. | April 2017 | Facilities Manager | Not actioned |
| Further develop a student reuse scheme, especially for the end of the academic year. | June 2017 | Sustainability Adviser | Not actioned |
| Remove sales of bottled water and replace with vending machines of free filtered water and reusable branded bottles. | June 2017 | Retail | Not actioned |
| Improve meeting room facilities and training, to enable paperless meetings in all meeting rooms for over 12 people. | June 2018 | IT Services | Not actioned |

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