

Environmental Sustainability Policy

Environmental sustainability is one of the most critical issues facing global society and UWE Bristol is committed to continually improving and updating its response to this challenge. *“The university is not afraid to shape, challenge and tackle the big issues, to take the initiative and to pave the way.” UWE Bristol Strategy 2030.*

Throughout our teaching, research, partnerships, estates operations and supply chain we will extend our influence through the lifecycle of our activities to drive environmental sustainability: to implement and promote positive solutions to sustainability challenges at the local, regional and global level.

This policy commits UWE Bristol to:

- Compliance with legal and other environmental requirements relevant to our activities; UWE Bristol will always strive to exceed minimum regulatory requirements.
- Measuring, monitoring, reporting and continuous improvement in environmental sustainability performance.
- Progress will be reported annually to our Board of Governors and via our sustainability report, which will be available publicly. Environmental metrics will be made digitally available to relevant stakeholders.
- Pursuit of partnerships to share and learn from best environmental sustainability practice.
- We will embed principles of sustainable development into our teaching curriculum and find learning opportunities across a range of environmental sustainability measures.
- We will act to protect the environment and prevent pollution to air, land and water.
- Through resource efficiency measures we will reduce our consumption of natural resources.
- We will follow the waste hierarchy to manage waste as a resource, and support the development of a circular economy.
- We will promote biodiversity onsite and through partnerships, and provide appropriate wildlife habitats on the UWE Bristol estate.
- We will work with our suppliers, contractors and utility providers to continually improve environmental sustainability performance through our supply chain.
- We will provide an accessible, comfortable and healthy environment conducive to learning and working.
- We will adapt our operations and services appropriately in response to the risks and opportunities presented by external environmental factors such as climate change.
- We will embed environmental sustainability alongside a range of ethical and social responsibility considerations into our investment decisions.

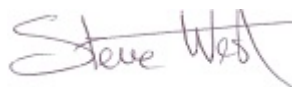
This document covers the period through to 2025 and provides a framework for more detailed objectives set out in our sustainability strategy and underpinning implementation plans. We will communicate these commitments to all staff and key stakeholders and work with colleagues across the university to foster shared ownership of these commitments.

The Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Environment and Sustainability is responsible for environmental sustainability at the University. All staff and students share this responsibility, aided by the University’s Sustainability Board, supporting expert groups and suitably qualified professionals.

Chair, Board of Governors



Vice-Chancellor



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