

# Facilities Management Policy

## Environmental sustainability

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# **1 Policy statement**

Royal Holloway is committed to the principles and practice of sustainable development.

The College will work to reduce any negative impact of its business on the local and global environment, whilst maximising the environmental benefits it provides to students, staff and the external community.

To implement these objectives the College will pursue the following actions via a process of continuous improvement.

## **1.1 Infrastructure and operations**

- Reduce the carbon dioxide (and other greenhouse gas) intensity of the College's operations.
- Reduce the amount of waste produced by College operations and maximise opportunities for recycling different waste streams.
- Encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport by staff and students and reduce single occupancy car journeys via the implementation of a Travel Plan.
- Monitor use of energy and water and implement energy and water efficiency action plans.
- Maximise the wildlife benefits of the campus environment via implementation of an Ecological Management Plan.
- Comply with all environmental Acts and Regulations affecting the College.

## **1.2 Development, procurement and trading**

- Meet all relevant UK, European and international legislative and regulatory requirements.
- Minimise the lifecycle environmental impact of new buildings and other developments.
- Take advantage of opportunities to improve the environmental performance of buildings as part of refurbishment and maintenance programmes.
- Assess the lifecycle impact of products purchased by the College.
- Implement best value for money in procurement processes to incorporate 'whole life' costings.
- Support and promote local and Fairtrade products as appropriate.

### **1.3 Academic programmes**

- Continue to embed sustainability concepts within appropriate courses, building on our existing best practice.
- Promote research related to sustainability issues where appropriate.

### **1.4 Outreach and communications**

- Communicate sustainability issues to staff and students and involve them in the College's initiatives in this area.
- Work with the local community to implement education and improvement initiatives in the field of sustainability.
- Provide education and encouragement to staff to help them implement the actions contained within this policy statement into their everyday work.

The College will publish an annual sustainability report which will be communicated to all internal and external stakeholders and published on the College's website.