



# Environmental Sustainability Policy

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. London School of Science and Technology (“LSST” or “the School”) is committed to promoting environmental responsibility amongst its staff and students, to minimise any negative impact from its activities upon the environment through:
- Acting as a positive role model for Environmental Sustainability
  - Producing graduates who are environmentally aware and who can make a positive impact on the future sustainability of their communities
  - Managing the School Estate in an environmentally sensitive manner, seeking to minimise carbon emissions
  - Continuous improvement of our environmental performance
  - Minimising wasteful use of resources and maximising recycling of materials
  - The prevention of pollution arising out of our activities
  - Maintaining green travel protocols
  - Ensuring legal compliance with all relevant legislation

## **2. Environmental Sustainability Policy**

- 2.1. The School recognises that education must play a leading role in helping shape a sustainable future for our planet. The School will seek to prepare sustainability-aware professionals and citizens and provide advice and knowledge transfer to organisations and individuals seeking to reduce the environmental impact of their activities. The School also acknowledges that as an employer it has an impact on the environment of its surrounding communities and will seek to manage its estate and business processes in a way that will minimise its carbon footprint and broader environmental impact. The School also recognises that good environmentally sustainable practices will also have significant financial benefits.
- 2.2. The School will embed sustainability across the institution by maintaining and developing policies in a number of key areas. These are: Teaching & Learning and Scholarly activity; Estates, Energy and Recycling; Travel & Procurement and Community Outreach.

### 3. Teaching, Learning and Scholarly Activity

- 3.1. Creating sustainability literate graduates with the skills and attitudes necessary for engagement with the sustainability agenda as professionals, citizens and in their personal lives must be a key goal for us all.

Key issues:	Action by:
1. All course leaders will be asked to review the curriculum to ensure that where appropriate issues of environmental sustainability are considered	Programme Leaders
2. An audit of current staff expertise in Sustainability issues and sharing of good practice	Principal
3. Maintaining through good example by staff and students a positive ethos on sustainability	Head of Marketing Student Union
4. Recognition that e-learning and blended learning can lead to a more sustainable delivery of the curriculum	LSST Connect Manager

#### 4. Estates, Energy and Recycling

The School is committed to practices across the School Estates that will minimise the possibility of negative environmental, economic, social and technological impacts, minimising the wasteful consumption of energy and maximising recycling.

The School's aim is to meet and wherever possible exceed legislative and regulatory requirements for sustainability. We aim to take a long term view of financial, environmental and social costs in estates strategies.

We aim to drive towards a carbon-neutral energy performance, to minimise mains water consumption and to minimise waste output.

Key issues:	Action by:
1. Audit of existing good practice	Head of Operations
2. Reduction in waste and emissions	Head of Operations
3. Reduced use of paper and maximising electronic communications	Head of Operations
4. Monitoring of Carbon emissions per head and % of energy from renewable sources	Head of Operations
5. Estates strategy to explicitly address the sustainability agenda	Head of Operations

## 5. Travel & Procurement

The School recognises that one of its potentially significant negative impacts on the environment can be through the transport created either directly or indirectly by its activities and committed to taking all reasonable steps to minimise these impacts. It will maintain and further develop its travel policies to further reduce car dependency.

In its procurement the School will seek to promote sustainable procurement and to develop financial evaluation procedures that consider not only the cost of purchase but also the cost of operation and replacement to ensure that items purchased minimise environmental impacts across their operating lifespan.

Key issues:	Action by:
1. Revise and enhance existing agreed travel protocols	Head of Finance
2. Review contracts where appropriate with external providers to ensure maximum synergy with internal sustainability policies	Head of Finance Head of Operations

## 6. Community and Outreach

The School recognises that its staff and students are part of both an internal community as well as members of a wider community within which the School operates. The School is committed to operating in a socially responsible way and will seek to minimise any adverse community impacts. The School recognises it can play a key role in advancing the sustainability agenda within the communities it serves and in supporting the sustainability policies and actions of other agencies and institutions. It will welcome approaches from other institutions and agencies that would like to share experiences and know-how and will actively promote aspects of its good practice which could be of benefit to others.

Key issues	Action by:
1. Sharing existing reports and guidelines for good practice	Deputy CEO Head of Operations
2. Developing networks	Deputy CEO Head of Operations

## 7. Monitoring and Review

The Executive Committee will monitor the progress of implementation and report annually to the LSST Board.



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