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### Environmental Sustainability Policy

Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) is one of the UK's leading research-focused higher education institutions. We undertake research, teaching and business activities with the potential to significantly impact the environment at a local, national and global level. As such, we acknowledge an institutional responsibility to incorporate sound environmental principles and practices across all areas of activity. We also recognise the importance of promoting environmental awareness and education with our staff, students, suppliers, contractors and the local communities within which we operate.

This Policy sets out our commitments to continual environmental improvement and the prevention of pollution. It provides a framework for establishing environmental objectives and targets, and key performance indicators.

To support implementation of this policy QMUL will:

1. Implement an Energy and Environmental Management System certified to the international standards ISO140001 and ISO50001.
2. Ensure continuous improvement through the provision of adequate levels of human and financial investment, establishing structures, procedures and controls and setting time-bound environmental performance targets that are reviewed annually and externally reported.
3. Comply with all relevant environmental legislation, statutory obligations and, where appropriate, codes of practice.
4. Incorporate sustainable development principles into all new build and refurbishment projects creating a built environment that meets high environmental performance standards.
5. Deliver initiatives that reduce energy consumption and increase energy efficiency in buildings and equipment, aiming to meet or exceed our long-term carbon emission reduction obligations.
6. Lower our ecological footprint by reducing the consumption of natural resources through practical conservation measures and the promotion of positive behaviours.
7. Encourage and support the development of research and teaching activities linked to environmental sustainability.
8. Create a culture that encourages and supports our stakeholders in taking personal responsibility whilst working individually or collectively with QMUL to protect and enhance the environment.
9. Deepen staff, students and other stakeholders' understanding of, and engagement in, local and global sustainability issues by providing learning, training and practical volunteering opportunities.
10. Develop and implement a Sustainable Procurement Policy that considers whole-life costs and environmental impacts when purchasing relevant goods and services.
11. Develop and implement a Sustainable Transport Plan to support and encourage the use of efficient modes of transport that minimise environmental impact.
12. Implement a Waste Management Strategy to reduce the volume of waste produced and increase the amount of waste that is recycled.
13. Actively monitor, maintain and, where practicable, enhance biodiversity across QMUL.

This Policy is fully supported by the Queen Mary Senior Executive and the Office of the Principal. The Sustainability Committee will act as the primary governance body to direct, control and monitor our on-going environmental performance. The Director of Estates and Facilities has overall responsibility for the development and implementation of this policy, supported by the Assistant Director (Sustainability) and the Queen Mary Sustainability Team.

This is an overarching policy which sets out our commitments on environmental sustainability. This document is supported by other subject specific policies and plans which influence environmental sustainability and which are also available on the university's website.

This Policy will be reviewed annually with progress shared publicly through our Sustainability Report.

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