Aston University

Energy and Water Management Policy

Aston University's overarching Sustainability Policy states that "The Sustainability Policy will be supported by a series of policies that reflect specific sustainability issues". In line with this and to uphold our commitment to "improve our sustainability performance, through the setting and achievement of clearly defined objectives and targets" we have developed this Energy and Water Management Policy, which commits us to the responsible use of energy and water across all our operations. The policy will not only meet legal requirements, and approved codes of practice, but strive to ensure that Aston is at the leading edge of good practice.

The policy of the University is to control energy and water consumption in order to:

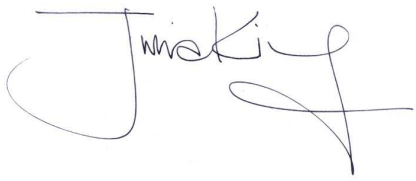
- avoid unnecessary expenditure on utilities;
- improve cost-effectiveness, productivity and working conditions;
- reduce our carbon emissions from energy in line with national, sector-wide and institutional targets;
- protect the environment.

In order to meet the above criteria, we have set a number of objectives:

- Target a reduction in energy and water consumption and associated emissions in line with the figures set out in our Carbon Management Plan.
- Utilise energy from sustainable sources where practicable, including incorporation of renewable energy technologies into building development projects.
- Invest in projects and equipment to reduce energy and water usage across the University.
- Raise awareness amongst staff and students of the important contribution each member can make to energy conservation.
- Ensure that commitment is obtained from staff at all levels within the University on aspects of energy efficiency under their control.
- Actively pursue external funding and grants for energy saving measures.
- Monitor our performance and publish an annual energy report.
- Implement the Space Heating and Ventilation Code of Practice.

Responsibility for formulating and overseeing the energy and water management policy lies with the Aston Energy Group, a subcommittee of representatives from schools and departments across the University. In order to ensure its effectiveness, this policy will be reviewed annually by the Energy Group.

The Energy Policy is supported by our Carbon Management Plan; the Energy Manager is responsible for day-to-day management and implementation of the energy policy.



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