

(ii) EcoCampus

The attempt for platinum accreditation was being put back as Lynnette would shortly be going on maternity leave. However, it was still anticipated that this would be done this year.

Victoria would let the group know when assistance was needed.

VJ

5. Carbon Management Plan

The group was required to report on progress at the first meeting of Council on 26 October.

A first draft of the report was circulated.

The figures show a huge reduction of 39.4% in the carbon footprint for 2009/10, however, the reason behind this was the transfer of halls of residence to Aston Student Villages company from the University.

It was noted that HEFCE guidelines allowed the University to present the figures in this way.

The Group felt that if the report went to Council in this format then the senior management would think that 'mission had been accomplished' and this was far from the case.

It was agreed that the report should show the figures to reflect both inclusion and non-inclusion of the residences and also highlighting other issues such as Woodcock Sports Centre.

Andrew would make amendments and circulate for comment.

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6. Future of the Group

It was agreed that the Term of Office for the Chair should be three years rather than one year.

It was noted that Stuart would step down as Chair next August.

The next Chair would be from LHS or LSS as both ABS and EAS had covered the role.

7. Other business

Aston 2020 Strategy

The Aston 2020 Strategy was at the final stage, however, the section on corporate responsibility was being rewritten as there was a lot of omission.

Alan had led a session at the Senior Management Advance which had concluded that there was a need for sharing information across the University on energy, waste and water usage, possibly by department or building.

It was agreed that the focus should be on data that is easily available and how this can be made available so that the message is relayed across campus.

Annual Report

Victoria had drafted the annual report but needed more information on teaching and learning, or anything else that could be included.

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Peter would send an update on CSI.

PH

Victoria would circulate the report by email for comment.

VJ

Energy

The Energy Policy would be launched next month and would include a heating and ventilation code of practice.

It was noted that the Energy team were currently tendering for an energy supplier and there was an average increase in price of 33%.

Policy update

The group were asked to check that the following policies were still relevant and up-to-date and to send comments to Victoria by email within two weeks.

ALL

Sustainability Policy
Biodiversity Policy
Environmental Policy
Ethical Investment Policy
Sustainable Procurement Policy
Waste Management Policy
Green Education Declaration

The policies are available at
<http://www1.aston.ac.uk/about/environment/sustainability-policy/>

MSc Social Responsibility and Sustainability

The programme had been launched with an intake of 10 students on the first year and it was anticipated that they would be involved in Go Green Week.

Maternity cover

A 12 month graduate level post was being recruited to cover Lynnette.

7. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that Julie would try to find a regular day/time for the meetings by checking diaries and timetables and also book the dates in advance.

JO