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# SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

*“Humanity has the ability to make development sustainable to ensure that it meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”* Bruntland (1987)

**Leeds Beckett University recognises that in order to conform to the above principle we must look at the impacts of our social, economic and environmental activities and give each area equal weighting. We are committed to improving our sustainable development by a programme of continuous improvement. In particular we will:**

1. Publicly demonstrate our commitment to the environment, continual improvement and the prevention of pollution by maintaining our external certification to the standard ISO 14001:2015
2. Reduce our carbon emissions in line with our carbon management strategy and international regulations through the effective use of space, utilities, goods and services
3. Promote sustainable forms of transport in accordance with the transport strategy of the city
4. Meet and, where appropriate, exceed the requirements of all relevant legislation. Where no regulation exists, we will set our own standards informed by relevant codes of practice and industry standards
5. Re-use equipment where possible, increase recycling and promote the use of recycled materials in products and buildings
6. Engage in two way dialogue with major suppliers, contractors and consultants to optimise the impact of their operations on the environment, society and the economy
7. Work pro-actively with the local authority, other universities and the community at large to progress sustainable initiatives and exchange best practice
8. Set publicly available objectives and targets and install management and training programmes to achieve them
9. Support the principles of sustainable literacy in relevant course curriculum, research and work experience.

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Please read in conjunction with our **Sustainability Objectives and Targets**