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The University of Bristol has 22,000 students, over 6,000 staff members and a functional estate of 500,000 m^2 across more than 300 buildings. Through its activities and actions, the University recognises it impacts on the environment and community, locally, nationally and globally and the role it plays within the sector and nationally in addressing sustainability issues.

The University of Bristol has made a commitment within its Vision and Strategy 2016-2023 to continue to deliver its sustainable targets. The University has identified 14 key areas through which sustainability shall be delivered. These are;

Sustainability through Education
By providing opportunities for students to learn about sustainability via the formal and informal curriculum, including extensive volunteering programme, as well as subliminally from the University's estate and working practices. Bristol Futures will be the primary deliver process for this policy aim.

Research and Knowledge Transfer
Research on the environment, social justice and development, consistent with addressing the sustainable development goals, will continue to be a strategic priority of the University (exemplified by the URIs and SRIs); and we will similarly prioritise sharing of our research findings with the public and decision makers.

Staff and Student Engagement and Behaviour Change
Empowering staff and students to incorporate sustainable practices into their work and personal lives and to develop the knowledge and skills to embody and champion sustainable processes and behaviours.

Engaging with our Communities
Working with our students and staff as well as local organisations, schools and businesses to develop resilient partnerships which enhance community and the local economy.

Space Utilisation
Finding ways that best utilise our built environment to reduce environmental impact whilst improving staff and student welfare.

Sustainable Buildings
By making full use of available space and designing and refurbishing buildings in line with the University's Sustainable Building Strategy including BREEAM.

The Living Estate, Biodiversity and the Natural Environment
By conserving and enhancing wildlife habitat on University-owned land and supporting wider initiatives.

Energy, Carbon and Water Management
By encouraging energy and water efficient practices and investing in its estate to reduce carbon emissions and water consumption, the University aims to achieve its ambition for it to be a net carbon neutral campus by 2030.

Sustainable Travel
By reducing our transport and emissions footprint from all forms of transport including commuting, fleet management, business travel and deliveries.

Emissions, Discharges and an Environmental Management System (EMS)
By putting in place appropriate controls delivered via our Environmental Management System, to prevent pollution and work to reduce emissions and discharges to air, land and water.

Circular Economy
By considering waste as a resource, recognising its value, encouraging prevention and reduction, reuse of resources prior to recycling or disposal and joining with procurement activities to ensure assets are used to their fullest extent, the University aims to deliver a Circular Economy University.

Sustainable Procurement
By encouraging and embedding sustainable and life-cycle considerations into procurement decisions supporting a Circular Economy approach.

Responsible Investment
Developing approaches to the principles of responsible investment in relation to University of Bristol Endowment funds and other investing activity.

Ethical and Sustainable Food
By offering staff and students food options that are welfare driven, sustainable and ethical.

Governance and Reporting
Each area of the policy will either have a delivery strategy or be embedded in an existing strategy, setting out objectives and KPI's for delivery of the area's aims. Each strategy will have a designated responsible lead. The policy and strategies performance will be reported annually via a sustainability report and be reviewed by UMT. Primary KPI's will be included within the IPP. This policy, strategies and performance will be communicated to stakeholders publicly. The policy will be delivered using an environmental management system ISO14001, 'net positive principles' and will help deliver the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

This policy, approved by University Management Team (UMT) on 4th December 2017, covers all University activity.

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