



WASTE POLICY STATEMENT

- 1 The University of Aberdeen's Waste Policy forms part of the institutional commitment to constant improvement in its environmental performance and to the wider commitment to sustainability and social responsibility. The objectives and context for sustainable waste management at the University are illustrated below.

Legislative compliance

- 2 All who produce, keep or dispose of waste do so in accordance with the requirements of the Duty of Care within the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 3 To meet these legal and other obligations the University Court requires everyone; staff and students of the University of Aberdeen and anyone else making use of University premises; to comply with this Policy and associated University Codes of Practice and guidance on waste management.

Objectives

- 4 The University will review opportunities and implement measures to reduce the volume of waste generated and to increase the proportion of that waste which is reused and recycled in accordance with the principles of the waste hierarchy, by embedding waste management into corporate policies and processes.

Detailed targets

- Align to the management principles outlined by Scottish Government in relation to waste management;
- To establish trends of waste generation and disposal;
- To reduce waste at source;
- To promote waste reduction through effective tendering by setting corresponding requirements in procurement and engaging with our supply chain;
- To encourage take-back schemes for WEEE, packaging and other wastes;
- To reuse and repair where reasonably practicable, working between departments and externally with other organisations in preference to replacing equipment where appropriate;
- To reuse 2% of waste items by 2013;
- To segregate wastes for recycling where locally available end markets for the wastes have been found;
- To recycle or compost 45% of waste generated by 2013;
- To responsibly dispose of wastes in accordance with legislation and University Codes of Practice;
- Measure performance at relative to a corporate baseline; and
- Report annually on overall corporate performance.

Organisation, Management and Implementation

- 5 Responsibilities and organisational management follow those defined within the Waste Management Manual and Health and Safety policy documents.
- 6 Further implementation of this policy will be via:
 - Provision of a Waste Management Manual aligned with Health and Safety procedures for all types of waste
 - Provision of advice and guidance from the Environment Office web-pages, email circulars, bulletins and briefings to all necessary personnel
 - Promotion and awareness raising through the Environment Office on good and sustainable waste management practices
 - Monitoring, measuring and reviewing waste management targets set by the CSR Steering Group.
- 7 For further information contact the Waste and Environmental Manager, details can be found on the Environment Office web-pages at www.abdn.ac.uk/estates/environment

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