



NUFFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Introduction

The University aims to comply fully with environmental legislation and advisory codes of practice having official status, and will exceed these requirements where it would be practicable for it do so and where there would be definite environmental benefits. The College aims to do the same, but directs its actions towards specific policies and targets on matters relevant to the College.

In 2007, the Carbon Trust carried out an audit of energy use by the College. It provided an action plan of prioritized recommendations which were incorporated into the Environmental Policy. The Policy was reviewed by the College's Environmental Policy Committee in April 2009 and its recommendations were incorporated into the updated Environmental Policy.

Colleges liaise with the University on environmental matters through the Domestic Bursars' Committee, which is represented on the Environmental Panel of the Building and Estates Sub-Committee of the Planning and Resource Allocation Committee of Council. The University's Environmental Sustainability Office provides some services to colleges.

This paper refers to the University's [Environmental Sustainability Policy](#) and recommends action on matters directly pertinent to the College.

Establishment of an Energy Policy

The Carbon Trust recommend that the College establish a policy for energy use and conservation.

Detailed Target

1. Set up an Environmental Policy Committee responsible for monitoring energy use in College. The Committee will:
 - a. Establish an energy structure.
 - b. Develop a monitoring and targeting system.
 - c. Carry out an awareness campaign for students and staff.

Energy conservation

The College will review opportunities and implement measures to reduce its energy use.

Detailed Target

2. Monitor energy use through quarterly reports of gas and energy consumption presented to the Personnel and Domestic Committee.
3. Where practicable, make changes to College buildings and facilities to reduce energy consumption in specific areas.
4. Encourage individuals to take responsibility for their own work areas and energy consumption patterns.

Carbon Reduction

The College will seek to reduce its carbon footprint to comply with the UK's Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC).

Detailed target

5. Participate in a programme to offset carbon emissions produced by Fellows' flights for academic purposes.
6. Consider making alternate arrangements to flying, such as video-conferencing.
7. Encourage environmentally-friendly travel to work through the Cycle to Work scheme.
8. Review opportunities for sustainable procurement in purchasing.

Water Conservation

The College will monitor water consumption and seek progressively to reduce the consumption per capita.

Waste generation and management

The College will review opportunities and implement measures to reduce the volume of waste generated and to increase the proportion of that waste which is recycled.

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