

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (Reviewed by Environmental Advisory Group April 2014)

Teesside University has always taken its environmental responsibilities seriously. The University was included in the first 20 pilot HE institutions to be invited by the Carbon Trust to formulate a carbon management plan in 2006. In 2006, we implemented our first Green Travel Plan and in 2010, we achieved the Carbon Trust Standard for our carbon reduction plan.

With over 2,000 employees and 21,000 students, the main campus of Teesside University is located in Middlesbrough, adjacent to the town centre.

A new campus starting with one capital building was opened in September 2011 in Darlington, fifteen miles away from the main campus. The University operates an outdoor sports facility at Saltersgill playing fields some 3 miles away. A further property and grounds at Flatts Lane, in Redcar and Cleveland, are on long term lease to a Health Trust.

We recognise the expectations of our students and society at large. We are committed to continually improving our current environmental performance and to achieving future development in the optimum sustainable manner to minimise the environmental impact wherever possible. For that reason, we reconfigured our Environment Advisory Group during 2010 and set ourselves an ambitious target to implement Ecocampus, an Environmental Management System fully compatible with ISO14001, to achieve this in a structured format.

In addition to compliance with environmental legislation, the University will:

- a) Establish and maintain a strategic management structure (appended).

*Under the overarching University Corporate Executive Team (UCET) and Environment Advisory Group (EAG), a number of focus sub-groups have been formed, including representatives with relevant qualifications and experience in each area of environmental impact, to monitor existing practice and performance, reporting back and recommending actions to UCET as necessary. This strategic level structure has been augmented within the EMS manual in 2014 with the development of further documentation detailing the responsibilities of individuals within each area of environmental impact.*

- b) Manage and conserve energy, water and materials efficiently through all operations and in all premises.
- c) Reduce waste, recycle waste, and dispose of waste in an environmentally sustainable manner.
- d) Manage all water and air based systems to ensure the prevention of pollution.
- e) Embed sustainable building best practice into the management of the University estate, ensure that the stewardship of the University's grounds and buildings encompasses best environmental practice in all development and maintenance works, and explore the use of renewable energies.



\* Refers to Eccampus categories

