Environmental Policy Statement

Our sustainability strategy is motivated by and complements the wider ambitions of the University as set out in Strategy 2026, which commits us to being a leader in research, scholarship, knowledge leadership, and a top 100 global university. Its goals and ethical rationale are founded on the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals which give a blueprint for 17 commitments for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and in the future. The strategy sets out three key targets:

- We will achieve Net Zero by 2035
- We will reduce our waste by 50% by 2025
- Every student will have the opportunity to undertake a sustainability-related module, extra-curricular activity, or learning by 2022 (achieved)

The University of Liverpool is dedicated to the advancement of learning and the ennoblement of life through transformative research and teaching. It aims to manage its operations in ways that are environmentally sustainable, economically feasible and socially responsible.

This policy sets out the University’s commitment to reducing negative environmental impacts and enhancing positive environmental impacts. To this end the University is committed to:

- The protection of the environment including the prevention of pollution, the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and ecosystems, climate change mitigation and adaptation and the sustainable use of resources.
- Complying with, and where appropriate exceeding the United Kingdom legislative and regulatory guidelines. It will also comply with any other indicators and best practice requirements to which the University subscribes in respect of environmental responsibility.
- Developing our Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure it continues to comply with the International Standard ISO 14001:2015. This includes a commitment to continually improve the environmental management system to enhance environmental performance.
- Communicating our environmental performance internally and externally.

The policy applies to the operations and activities of all departments within the University and University owned or leased Commercial Facilities as detailed in the EMS Scoping Document. The responsibilities and arrangements for practical steps arising out of this policy are laid out in the EMS Implementation Plan and will be monitored by the Sustainability Team. A full version of the Environmental Policy can be found at: https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/sustainability/strategy-and-performance/policy-and-plans/

To ensure that the policy is kept current and reflects national policies and strategies, it will be reviewed annually.

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