Sustainability Policy

City, University of London is located across campuses in the heart of London and has around 19,000 students and 2,000 staff. The University has a significant impact on the environment and has adopted this policy as a means to minimising its adverse effect both locally and globally. As a learning institution, it is also our responsibility to educate all stakeholders on responsible environmental stewardship. This policy supports the sustainability objectives identified within City's Vision and Strategy 2026.

The following underlying policies have been compiled to address the impact areas listed below:

- Energy and Water Management Policy
- Carbon Management Plan
- Waste Management Policy
- Green Travel Plan
- Biodiversity Policy
- Sustainable Purchasing Policy
- Fairtrade Policy
- Sustainable Food Procurement Policy
- Ethical Investment Policy

Policy Principles:

1. To work towards best practice at all times and endeavour continuously to improve environmental performance.

2. To comply with all relevant UK, European and international environmental legislation and take measures to prevent pollution across our operations.

3. To work continuously towards principles of corporate social responsibility.

4. To increase environmental awareness and responsibility among staff, students and visitors; and to encourage City-wide participation in environmental activities, training and programmes.

5. To work with the local community and other universities to progress environmental initiatives and to exchange best practice.

6. To promote the efficient use of environmental resources (energy, water and raw materials).

7. To reduce waste through elimination, reduction, reuse and recycling.

8. To promote our sustainable purchasing policy.

9. To consider the environmental cost benefit for all new major projects, retrofits and refurbishments.

10. To promote, encourage and manage a sustainable travel plan to minimise the impact on the environment by staff, students and visitors.

11. To identify and promote initiatives for including sustainability principles and practices within the curriculum.

12. To monitor continually, review and publish environmental performance in relation to targets and objectives; and to take appropriate steps to meet them, such as the implementation of an Environmental Management System (EMS).

The Sustainability Committee will be responsible to the Executive Committee for planning, management, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of this policy.

This policy and all underlying policies will be reviewed annually and published on the University’s website at: www.city.ac.uk/sustainable-city.

Signed by: ________________________________ Date: 23/7/16

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