Waste Management Policy

The University is committed to the protection of the environment through the implementation of an effective waste management strategy.

The University is committed to achieving full legal compliance with all current waste management legislation. In doing so the University commits to:

- Provide bins and containers across the University to ensure the effective segregation of waste and to maximize reuse and recycling opportunities;
- Develop targets for waste minimisation, recycling rates and diversion from landfill;
- Measure and monitor waste disposal rates, recycling rates and recovery rates, to identify where waste management improvements can be made;
- Raise awareness amongst all staff, students and other stakeholders of the importance of sustainable waste management through education initiatives and campaigns.

PRINCIPLES OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

In developing its Waste Management Strategy, City will apply the principles of the Waste Management Hierarchy, to ensure that waste is dealt with in a way that impacts least on our environment. The Waste Management Hierarchy sets out how the University will manage waste by preference (most preferred to least preferred option).

Prevention

Preparing for reuse

Recycling

Other recovery (including energy recovery)

Disposal

**Prevention:** The University will minimize the amount of material entering the waste stream by working with its staff, suppliers and contractors to ensure that materials are purchased judiciously, with emphasis placed on the reduction of unnecessary packaging.

**Preparing for reuse:** The University will provide facilities across its estate to enable the reuse of materials. Potential items include furniture, computers, printers and fax machines.

**Recycling:** The University will operate a co-mingled recycling programme, with all prescribed recyclable material (paper, glass, card and plastic) being collected together. A more specific breakdown of which materials can be recycled is shown in the University Waste Strategy. Facilities will be clearly identified and an engagement programme will be delivered to clearly
articulate to staff, students and other University stakeholders, which items can be recycled, where and how.

**Other recovery:** The University will, through its waste management contracts, promote the recovery of waste through alternative methods. This will include composting, energy recovery and anaerobic digestion.

**Disposal:** Waste will only be sent to landfill as a last resort, having exhausted all other options identified within the Waste Management Hierarchy. The University will continually appraise its management procedures with a view to eliminating all waste to landfill.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Property & Facilities**

The Deputy Director (Facilities) is responsible for the development and implementation of the policy.

Facilities management staff are responsible for the operation of the policy and for staying up to date with waste legislation affecting the University.

Increasingly more elements within the waste stream are prohibited by legislation from entering the general University waste stream and should there be any doubt about how particular items should be dealt with, the University Facilities Manager should be contacted on Ext 5570.

Approved by

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Deputy Director (Facilities)