

## Energy Policy

We are committed to the provision of a vibrant sustainable campus environment, rich in learning, culture, heritage and nature, with modern inclusive facilities and infrastructure commensurate with the needs of a growing community of students, staff and visitors. We are committed to showing leadership in sustainability and care of the environment, and continuous energy performance improvement across campus buildings.

We aim to deliver this through;

- raising awareness of the importance of energy efficiency at all levels of the organisation, promoting the concept that a sustainable campus involves all parts of the community to act collectively, including staff, students and service providers;
- the communication of the Energy Policy and active promotion of good practice in the conservation of energy across all campus users, through staff and student energy awareness campaigns, and encouraging active engagement for continuous improvement of energy use across the community;
- provision of staff education and training to support positive attitudes and behaviours towards efficient energy usage and to foster a shared responsibility for the optimum development of a sustainable campus community;
- the implementation of a structured energy management programme and ISO50001 Energy Management Systems, advancing initiatives designed to achieve the national energy efficiency improvement target of 50% by 2030, and beyond;
- The continuous roll-out of an integrated centralised energy management system to provide more accurate control and monitoring of building systems, the definition of specific energy conservation plans, clear energy objectives, data collection, monitoring and review procedures;
- allocation of adequate resources to enable the successful implementation of the Energy Policy and compliance with relevant building regulation, energy legislation, legal and other requirements;
- targeted investment in the roll-out of sustainable design measures in new construction and building refurbishment, incorporating Near Zero Energy Building design, high energy efficient plant, systems and strategies;
- careful consideration of building energy efficiency, life-cycle costs and opportunities to showcase sustainability as part of the decision-making, procurement and building design development processes;
- the reduction of our carbon footprint through the promotion of renewable energies and energy efficient technologies, and through initiatives aimed at reducing dependency on primary fossil fuels.
- undertake to fulfill the terms of the Government's Climate Action Mandate.
- the periodical review of the Energy Policy to reflect energy performance progress, national energy targets and planned developments, and will be ideally reviewed every 3 years.

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