

Energy Policy

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Introduction

The University of Lincoln is committed to improving its energy efficiency. This will help us to minimise costs, drive down carbon emissions and become less dependent on fossil fuels. Targets and plans to achieve this are contained within our Energy Strategy.

This policy identifies the areas which the organisation will focus on to drive energy consumption down. This policy applies to the whole University estate (minus rented properties and spaces we have no control over) and encompasses electricity, gas, fuel oil, diesel and water. We are currently working towards ISO 50001, the international standard in energy management. Working to this standard will improve our energy efficiency therefore helping us to achieve our carbon reduction target.

Responsibilities

This policy sits within the wider ranging Environmental Sustainability Policy. Responsibility for this policy lies with the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Finance and Infrastructure. However, the Energy Manager will be responsible for implementing the Energy Management strategy. The Energy Manager along with the Energy Management Team (consisting of Maintenance, Environmental Sustainability and Projects Team representatives) will regularly review this policy and the Energy Management System.

Staff, students and contractors will be expected to comply with all appropriate legislation and to assist with minimising their energy consumption. It is everyone's responsibility to switch appliances and lighting off when no longer needed.

Commitments

The University is committed to improving its energy performance through:

Energy Management

We are committed to continually improving our energy management system and practices. As part of this we commit to:

- Producing an annual report on our progress towards our stated target of 43% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020/21 against a 2005/06 baseline (as laid out in our Carbon Management Plan).
- Ensure that the resources and information necessary to achieve our objectives and targets are made available.
- Monitoring building level energy consumption through maintaining and monitoring the BMS and energy management software. Identifying issues and taking action to reduce consumption, when appropriate with the assistance of other stakeholders.
- Ensuring the Energy Management Team meet quarterly to review our energy efficiency objectives and targets and energy performance indicators.
- Ensuring that renewables and energy efficiency are considered at the design stage of all new build and refurbishment projects.
- Operating our energy management system in accordance with ISO 50001.
- External energy audits every 5 years as per best practice (next due 2017).

Raising awareness

Everyone in the organisation has a part to play. Through events and general communications we will disseminate information about how staff and students can help to reduce consumption across the estate. In addition to this online training will be made available to some members of staff.

Energy efficiency

We will identify energy efficiency projects and track performance to prove using the International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol.

Procurement

The University pursues the purchase of energy efficient products and services through its procurement policies.

Compliance

We commit to complying with all relevant energy efficiency legislation. We maintain a register of all applicable legislation. In addition, we are also committed to our Higher Education Funding Council for England target of a 43% reduction in our carbon emissions against a 2005/06 baseline by 2020/21.

Minimum Energy Performance Certificate ratings

We endeavour to achieve a minimum of a D rating across all of our buildings by 2018.

Water Management

Water consumption across the estate will be monitored and measured. Targets to reduce water consumption will be set and actions to reduce usage will be implemented. The University recognises the sensitive nature of the water courses in the immediate vicinity of its campuses and will take appropriate action to prevent contamination of water courses and groundwater.

Policy Availability

This policy will be made publicly available and will be communicated to all staff and students. In addition, individuals and businesses working for and on behalf of the University will be made aware of the policy.

Supporting Policies

Available at <http://estates.lincoln.ac.uk/policies>:

- Carbon Management Plan
- Space Management Policy

Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Energy Management Team annually. Policy to be reviewed in October 2019.

Version History

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