Institutional Sustainability Policy

2025-2026

Policy Statement

Edge Hill is dedicated to embedding sustainability across all aspects of the Institution, encompassing leadership, education, operations, research and innovation, engagement, and partnerships. Recognising the significance of effective sustainability management, we are committed to creating an environment that enables our staff, students, and the broader community to reach their full potential. Our declared policy is to:

Promote and adopt a positive sustainability culture to ensure that all members of the University, and those engaged by us, proactively manage sustainability whilst maintaining and servicing the community for all stakeholders associated with the University.

Our Commitments:

Integrating Sustainability: Ensuring that sustainability-related management and leadership are integral in all University activities,

Leading by Example: Demonstrating excellence in sustainability management through our behaviours, attitudes and actions,

Civic Engagement: Engaging in activities that enhance sustainability in the wider community and region,

Compliance and Best Practice: Meeting, and where possible exceeding, our statutory compliance with relevant current and future regulations while incorporating recognised best practices,

Education and Motivation: Educating, motivating and enabling staff, students, and visitors to work in a sustainably responsible manner and actively participate in developing and implementing our management processes and initiatives,

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD): Continually expanding ESD in the curriculum to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary for sustainable living and allow them to contribute to a sustainable future,

Research Investment: Investing in research areas that impact sustainability, **Performance Monitoring:** Regularly auditing and reviewing processes to ensure continuous improvement, supported by clear performance indicators,

Risk Management: Identifying opportunities and managing risks to enhance performance, including implementing controls to protect the environment, prevent pollution, and reduce emissions/discharges to air, land, and water.

Waste and Resource Management: Recognising waste as a resource by encouraging prevention and reduction, and prioritising reuse before recycling or disposal,

Carbon Management: Implementing the Carbon Management Plan to achieve Net Zero emissions on our campus.

Implementation and Review:

The University has established forums to develop actions and targets and to facilitate consultations on sustainability issues. We will continuously review our performance and identify initiatives to meet our responsibilities.

Lynda Brady, Interim Vice-Chancellor

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