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<p>Summary:</p> <p>The University is committed to further reducing its impact on the environment by ensuring its waste is managed in an effective and sustainable manner.</p>	

Introduction

The Waste Management Policy has been produced in support of the University of Winchester's Carbon Management Plan, Sustainable Development Policy and Environment Strategy.

The disposal of waste presents a significant cost to the University; therefore, it is essential that we look to reduce the overall amount of waste produced as well as maximizing opportunities for reuse and recycling. Waste can present an environmental risk, from direct damage from the waste on the environment, and also indirect damage from the associated carbon emissions with the transportation, treatment and disposal of waste.

Policy Statement

The University is committed to further reducing its impact on the environment by ensuring its waste is managed in an effective and sustainable manner.

The University is committed to the prevention of pollution.

The University shall ensure that all waste management activities for all waste streams comply with relevant legislation.

The University shall aim to maintain zero to landfill waste disposal.

The University is committed to achieving a target of 85% recycled waste by end of 2025/2026.

Policy Implementation

In order to meet legal obligations and recycling aspirations, the University requires all staff, students, contractors and visitors to comply with the Waste Management Policy and associated operational procedures.

The University will manage its waste in accordance with the circular economy principles and the waste hierarchy system, in all we do from how we buy things to how we dispose of them. The University will ensure appropriate procedures are in place to manage all waste streams.

Waste Hierarchy: Re-think, Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Recover, Disposal

Each member of the University, staff, student and visitor must take reasonable steps to adhere to the waste hierarchy system and consider all options with emphasis being put on Prevention and Reduction, the last resort being Disposal.

Waste contractors will be required to provide the University with good quality accurate data on weight, type and disposal methods for waste streams. The University will monitor and report on the data.

The University will work towards adopting a Circular Economy approach to managing its waste. This will be through a number of principles, including extending the life of what's already been made, turning waste into a resource, applying whole-life costing and collaborating with supply chain partners through sustainable procurement processes.

The University will develop a Waste Management Action Plan that will identify specific measures and responsibilities to achieve the aims of this policy.

The University will monitor and report progress against targets.