



## **University of Roehampton - Energy Policy Statement**

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### 1. Introduction

At University of Roehampton, we recognise the critical role that energy plays in our operations, and we are committed to minimising our environmental impact while achieving our sustainability goals. This Energy Policy Statement outlines our commitment to managing energy resources responsibly and efficiently to minimise our energy use and reduce our impact on the environment.

### 2. Policy statement

University of Roehampton is dedicated to achieving a sustainable future by implementing an energy policy which focuses on the following key principles:

- **Energy Efficiency:** We will strive to continuously improve energy efficiency throughout our university's facilities and operations. This includes the efficient use of electricity, fossil fuels, and other energy sources. We will actively pursue energy-saving initiatives, such as the installation of energy-efficient equipment and systems such as Building Management Systems (BMS), implementing energy management practices, and raising awareness among students, faculty, and staff about energy conservation. To achieve that, we will develop and implement a 3-year energy optimisation plan that will identify the areas of improvement in energy management and potential interventions that the university will put in place to optimise energy efficiency in its buildings. This will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.
- **Renewable Energy:** We are committed to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and transitioning to renewable energy sources. Since 2018 100% of the grid electricity purchased by the University of Roehampton comes from renewable sources. We intend to expand on this pathway with the intension to explore opportunities to generate renewable energy on-site and procure electricity from renewable sources whenever feasible, and economically viable. Our goal is to increase the proportion of renewable energy in our overall energy mix to allow us to decrease greenhouse gas emissions associated with

energy use. To achieve that, the university will undertake an assessment of the available options to improve the use of green energy across our campus, and we will develop a plan to maximise the use of renewables based on this assessment.

- **Monitoring and Measurement:** To ensure the effectiveness of our energy management efforts, we have established a comprehensive monitoring and measurement system which is led by the environmental sustainability committee along with the sustainability team lead. This will include tracking energy consumption, identifying areas of high energy use, and setting energy reduction targets. Regular energy audits will be conducted to assess our performance and identify opportunities for improvement. This approach will be integrated into our governance procedures.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** We will comply with all applicable energy-related laws, regulations, and best practice wherever possible and economically viable. Our commitment extends to the responsible use of energy, including optimising energy consumption during off-peak hours, investigating, and implementing a heat decarbonisation program, reducing standby power, and minimising energy waste in all university operations. It also includes our commitment to the gradual reduction of our carbon footprint to meet government Net Zero targets for 2030 & 2050.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** We recognise that achieving our energy goals requires engagement and collaboration with our key stakeholders. We will actively engage with students, faculty, staff, and the wider community to promote energy conservation, share best practices, and foster a culture of sustainability. Additionally, we will seek partnerships and collaborate with external organisations to advance our energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives.
- **Continuous Improvement:** We are committed to a cycle of continuous improvement in energy management. We will regularly review and evaluate our energy performance, set objectives and targets, and implement action plans to drive progress. Our university will allocate necessary resources and provide adequate training to support the implementation of energy-efficient practices.

### 3. Responsibilities

The successful implementation of this Energy Policy requires the commitment and involvement of all members of the university community. The following responsibilities have been assigned to support our energy management efforts:

- The Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) and University Executive Board (UEB) will provide senior leadership oversight to ensure that this policy and related implementation plan is implemented.
- The Chief Operating Officer (COO) will provide overall leadership and support for energy management initiatives.
- Our Sustainability and Energy Management Team will oversee the development, implementation, and maintenance of the EMS, including the energy management program.

- Department Heads, Estates Team and Energy Manager will be responsible for implementing energy management practices within their respective areas and ensuring that energy efficiency measures are considered in planning, procurement, and decision-making processes.
- All faculty, staff, and students are expected to contribute to energy conservation efforts by adopting energy-efficient behaviours, reporting energy-related issues, and actively participating in energy-saving initiatives.

#### **4. Communication and Documentation**

This Energy Policy will be communicated to all members of the university community and made available to the public through our university's website. We will ensure that information related to energy management is easily accessible, and regular updates on energy performance and progress towards targets will be provided.

#### **5. Review and Revision**

This Energy Policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its ongoing suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness. We will publish our performance on an annual basis to update our community on our progress. Any necessary revisions will be made to align with changes in regulations, technology advancements, and best practices in energy management.