



LSHTM Environmental Sustainability Policy

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1. SCOPE

1.1 This Environmental Sustainability Policy applies to all LSHTM activities in London and the MRC Units in The Gambia and Uganda.

2. PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

Environmental sustainability is linked to the health of the environment. As such, by tackling the threat of environmental degradation and climate change, LSHTM will be staying true to its mission and values. Therefore, the aim of this policy is to ensure that LSHTM grows and develops in an ethical and sustainable way, and that a continuous environmental improvement and carbon reduction culture is embedded in the business model, values and culture of the institution. This is also in line with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This policy will be reported on and reviewed annually in Sustainability Action Committee (SAC) meetings.

3. POLICY

To this end, LSHTM are committed to achieving best practice standards and leadership in the higher education sector commensurate to the urgency of the climate crisis, and will:

3.1.1 Reduce emissions related energy use in key operations including but not limited to ITS, catering and heating and cooling.



- 3.1.2 Reduce emissions related to business travel and commuting, support more sustainable modes of travel and implement systems to reduce demand/need for travel.
- 3.1.3 Reduce supply chain related emissions for goods and services and adopt more sustainable purchasing practices.
- 3.1.4 Procure electricity from renewable sources only and equipment with the highest energy efficiency ratings. Install renewable energy for site use where possible.
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- iv. Communications and Engagement activities – behaviour and culture change are
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ranging comms and engagement programmes are key to this, not just for the LSHTM
community but also its external partners and stakeholders. This is achieved through a
variety of media, e.g. newsletters, face & virtual meetings, inductions and
training programmes. Groups such as Sustainability Representatives also share



- i. **Optimised (Power B.I.)** – this is the online dashboard where all LSHTM utility consumption can be accessed and visualised. This includes all Scope 1 & 2 emissions (electricity, gas & heat) as well as some Scope 3 emissions (water, waste and business travel Reports from Optimised



- iv. **Sustainability Reps** ±these are LSHTM staff and students wishing to help influence, change and embed sustainability policies and practices within their respective departments and teams.
- v. **Labs Sustainability group** ±lab users, researchers and lab managers meet regularly to discuss and implement measures and initiatives that would help to reduce the environmental impact of laboratory research operations.