# Sustainability Strategy Committee Revised Membership and Terms of Reference

# Membership

Pro Vice Chancellor Research (Chair)

Pro Vice Chancellor Students

Director of Quality and Educational Development

Director of Sustainability (Secretary)

Academic Lead for Sustainability

Head of Organisational Development

Estates Representative (normally Sustainability and Carbon Manager)

Finance Representative (normally Head of Procurement)

Communications & Participation Representative (normally Head of Press and Public Affairs)

Student's Union President

## **ToRs**

- 1. To develop the University's Sustainability Strategy, setting objectives and targets to prevent pollution and mitigate the University's significant environmental impacts, including developing and monitoring carbon footprint, reduction targets and formulating strategies to minimise impacts and create opportunities for positive societal change.
- 2. To monitor and report to UEB on the University's performance against its strategy, including against environmental performance indicators.
- 3. To oversee the management of the University's Environmental and Energy Management Systems
- 4. To advise and make recommendations to the University Executive Board on new policies, processes and initiatives that will enable the University to meet its strategic objectives and targets for sustainability.
- 5. To review, revise and approve existing policies on a periodic basis.
- 6. To oversee the development and submission of grant applications relating to sustainability, referring to UEB for approval as appropriate.
- 7. To promote the continual improvement of the University's social and environmental performance, ensuring University staff and students are aware of relevant legislation.
- 8. To advise the University on legislative compliance as necessary.
- 9. To promote engagement with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and other approaches to sustainability and social responsibility within the University's curriculum and research.
- 10. To develop initiatives to promote Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) within the teaching, learning and student experience at the University.
- 11. To promote good practice in sustainability and social responsibility within the wider community.

### Meetings

The Committee should meet 4 times a year.

### Reporting

The Sustainability Strategy Committee reports directly to the University Executive Board, providing a written report after each meeting. It will also report on relevant matters as appropriate to Learning, Teaching and Student Experience Committee and Research and

Knowledge Exchange Committee. In addition, it will report to the Joint Consultative Committee.

The following groups and forums will report to the Sustainability Strategy Committee:

- Strategic Biodiversity Management Group via a yearly report.
- Sustainable Procurement Steering Group via a report to each meeting.
- Sustainability Forum