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| **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY GROUP** | | | |
| **Terms of Reference** |  |  | |
| **Purpose**: To enhance environmental sustainability within and beyond the University. To ensure the target of net zero carbon, which is embedded within the University Strategy, is met by 2030 at the latest. | | | |
| **Remit**   1. To oversee the development and delivery of a new Environmental Sustainability Strategy to meet the net zero carbon target and wider commitments. 2. To develop and sustain a cohesive, representative and committed group that is supported and enabled to implement and influence change throughout the University. 3. To advise the University Leadership Team (ULT) as necessary on strategy, plans, policy, decisions and costs relating to all aspects of environmental sustainability throughout the University. 4. To purposefully engage with the entire University community including partners and stakeholders to ensure a collaborative and holistic approach to all actions and priorities. 5. To ensure the University meets its objective of net zero carbon in our business operations by 2030 at the latest. To influence and support reduction in all carbon impacts including day-to-day commute. 6. To oversee the University’s required and legislative reporting requirements, providing both qualitative and quantitative overview. 7. To provide advice and guidance or appropriate input to research & innovation or learning & teaching forums. 8. To allocate any budget or resources that are devolved to the Group.   **Constitution**  Dean, School of Applied Sciences/Campus Principal (Convenor)  Director of Property & Facilities  Professorial level academic, (Deputy Convenor)  Environmental Sustainability Manager  Executive Manager (Strategy)  Head of Customer Service & Business Change (Information Services)  Procurement Manager  Staff Sustainability Network Rep: Project Coordinator (Inclusion)  In attendance:  PA to School Leadership, School of Applied Sciences  Additional members may be co-opted at the discretion of the Convenor, initially being:  Edinburgh Napier Students’ Association President  Edinburgh Napier Sustainable Society  Lay Advisor(s) with relevant expertise to be invited to contribute through direct attendance or contribution to main group or sub group as appropriate. |  | | **Specific Policy Responsibilities**  University Strategy.  Environmental Sustainability Policy.  Environmental Sustainability Strategy.    **Quorum**  One-third of the total membership (excluding co-options) which must include the Convenor or Co-Convenor.  **Frequency of Meetings**  Quarterly. January, April, July, October.  **Reporting Line**  University Leadership Team (ULT).  **Current Workstreams**  Three workstreams are under development:  Operations/Net Zero Carbon; Academic; and Communication/ Engagement  **Current Working Groups**  None to date.  **Minutes**  Copies of all minutes will be forwarded to the University Leadership Team. Minutes and papers will be held electronically on the Environmental Sustainability SharePoint site. |

Relevant objectives and commitments in the University Strategy.

**Shaping Our Future: Driving Distinctiveness**

**Sustainable Growth**

*‘…take progressive action to achieve net zero carbon in our operations by 2030. We will also seek to minimise both our wider & legacy carbon footprint & influence sustainable practices within & beyond our campuses’*

**Transformational Actions**

*‘work in partnership to achieve* ***net zero carbon in our operations by 2030*** *at the latest, in line with the City of Edinburgh ambition, while minimising our wider footprint and influencing sustainable practices within and beyond our campuses’*

*and*

*‘Build our cross disciplinary academic themes for research and teaching:* ***Environment& Sustainability****; Health & Wellbeing; Culture & Communities’*

**KPIs**

Measures around sustainability and societal impact:

* Net zero carbon from business emissions working towards 2030
* Ongoing carbon reduction and plans to address legacy carbon
* Positive direction in Impact Rankings (UNSDGs)
* Demonstrable delivery against relevant SNPF and UNSDGs
* Sign SDG accord