

## Conferences & Venues Team Sustainability Policy

The University of Manchester Conferences and Venues team are committed to embedding sustainability across all its operations. The University of Manchester's 2020 strategy has a key goal of: Social Responsibility, with Environmental Sustainability being a key player. This policy is part of the University's [Environmental Sustainability Plan](#).

Conferences and Venues has specific impacts and opportunities that can help it adapt to climate change and help its operations reduce the impact it has on resource use, greenhouse gas emissions and support the enhancement of biodiversity in order for the business operation to continue whilst responding and adapting to the changes required.

Commitment to sustainability will be met through observing the three pillars of sustainability. These are: environmental impact, social responsibility and economic stability. The priority areas for improvements across the business will be through resource efficiency, engagement for all stakeholders, sustainable procurement and supporting habitat conservation and restoration where possible.

The priorities and objectives for the business operation are:

- Technological improvements: To identify areas of our business which require improvements to reduce our carbon emissions, become more efficient with our use of resources and provide facilities and services to our customers that meet their requirements for an enhanced quality conference or event.
- Behavioural Change: To increase awareness and engagement of sustainability across our staff, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to help reduce our impact and maintain a high standard of customer service provision.
- Smart Investment: To explore future smart sustainable investments which reduce costs, ensure long term economic success, and continue our quality service for the future.

This policy addresses all areas of our business operations including Conference venues, Chancellors Hotel and the Chancellors collection and ConferCare (the University's event management team).

The Conferences and Venues Sustainability Action Plan sets out the strategy for managing and reducing the environmental impact of the business.

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