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Executive summary

The Living Campus Plan has been developed as part of the University's Environmental Sustainability Strategy, specifically to address the challenges of a growing urban campus alongside the opportunities a healthy environment provides for people and nature.

It is envisaged that The Living Campus Plan will support the development of The University of Manchester estate that is memorable and distinctive with a strong sense of place, which contributes to the health and wellbeing of staff, students, visitors and the surrounding local community. It includes opportunities for wildlife, including bees, butterflies and birds, and other biodiversity, and aims to promote the development of an estate that embraces nature and provides high quality spaces for educational, research, cultural and recreational activities.

The Plan includes actions and programmes for delivery during 2016-2022, to help meet targets detailed. In support, a series of theme specific action plans will be developed and reported annually.

Some activities are already underway. This Plan looks to continue with these activities and build on their success, and in some instances learn lessons.

This Plan has been developed for the entire University of Manchester estate, including student residences, Jodrell Bank and Dalton Cumbrian facility, and aligns with University and Manchester City Council strategy.

Delivery area	Topic area	Baseline		2022 target	
		Year	Data		
Key spaces	Brown roofs m ²	2014/15	90m ²	Two additional projects by 2022	
	Green walls m ²	2014/15	447m ²	Two additional projects by 2022	
Key species	Trees	2014/15	9,189	To increase on baseline by planting two trees for every one removed	
Key activities	Staff active travel	2014/15	22%	25%	
	Student active travel	2014/15	37%	39%	
	Living campus champions	2014/15	N/A	26 (10% of registered sustainability champions)	
	Biodiversity-related community projects	2014/15	N/A	At least one project completed with the local community	
	Staff wellbeing	2015/16	49	58	Figures and targets derived from wellbeing valuation methods ¹ developed by University academics, based on measuring building level wellbeing.
	Student wellbeing	2015/16	55	60	
	Value of wellbeing ²	2015/16	£67.8m	£79m	

¹Methodology uses a multi-item scale instrument to measure wellbeing outcomes for staff and student populations on campus environments in a quantitative manner. There are no current examples of best practice scores to compare The University of Manchester. However, previous research, applying the instrument in the built environment, suggests that very high quality, user-centred building design can reach wellbeing scores of 63 for the building users.

²Represents the value of the green spaces on campus for staff and student wellbeing, based on financial proxy description 'value of relief from depression or anxiety'.