



Waste Management Policy

Bangor University has around 10,000 students and 2,000 members of staff located within an estate of some 100 buildings across 300+ hectares. Our core business is to provide high quality teaching and research whilst taking good care of our staff, students, community and environment.

We understand that our activities have an impact on the environment. We will work to continually improve our waste management practices in order to achieve the aims set out in the Towards Zero Waste Strategy 2010, the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, whilst also meeting the requirements of the ISO 14001:2015 environmental standard.

Bangor University will manage our waste by:

- i. ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation and regulations associated with our activities, and where possible, to exceed requirements
- ii. establishing waste related objectives and targets and report on progress annually
- iii. applying the *Waste Hierarchy* when making decisions; to firstly consider prevention, then reuse or preparing for reuse, then recycling (which includes anaerobic digestion), followed by other methods of recovery such as energy recovery, before disposal (landfill)
- iv. reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill, in particular waste that can be reused, recycled or recovered by improving recycling facilities and communication
- v. reviewing materials used and sold at the University, including packaging, and seeking to ensure products can be reused or recycled (preferably closed-loop) wherever possible, in order to contribute to a circular economy
- vi. raising awareness amongst staff, students and visitors through improved communication and involvement, talks, seminars, campaigns and initiatives

The Campus Environmental Performance Team will regularly consider the effectiveness of the Waste Management Policy. The Sustainability Strategy Group will formally review the Policy every 3 years. It is publicly available on the University's website.

Approved by:

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Professor Oliver Turnbull, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Chair of the Sustainability Strategy Group

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