

DMU Estates & Facilities Waste Management Policy

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The Estates & Facilities Directorate is committed to the continuous improvement of waste management practices in the University and a steady reduction in the proportion of waste sent to landfill.

We will take every opportunity to minimise avoidable waste. We will work to ensure that any materials that are no longer required are managed accordingly to the following hierarchy:

- **Reduce at source** – using and discarding less material generally, and in particular single use items such as plastics, segregating wastes and asking suppliers to take back packaging and re-usable containers.
- **Re-use and Repair** – passing on to others re-usable chemicals and equipment that is no longer required and seeking to repair items in preference to replacing equipment where appropriate.
- **Recycling** – separating materials for recycling – such as mixed waste paper, confidential paper waste, cardboard, newspapers, cans, plastics, certain batteries, metal and pallets.
- **Responsibly Dispose** – we will ensure compliance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Duty of Care and the Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 through sound environmental management processes and procedures.

This continual improvement shall be guided by consideration of both value for money and the environmental benefits of the evolving options for each waste type. Account shall be taken of targets set by Government or the university to encourage diversion of waste from landfill.

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