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Environmental Policy

The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales supports, funds and develops the higher education sector in Wales. HEFCW's mission is to promote internationally excellent, sustainable and accessible higher education in Wales to support the delivery of social justice and a buoyant economy.

In undertaking this mission, HEFCW influences environmental performance both directly through our own actions, but also indirectly through our policy and work with the HE sector. We commit to adopting working practices that have a positive effect, in improving our organisational environmental performance, preventing pollution and reducing the unavoidable negative influences caused by our business activities. HEFCW will also work with the HE sector through our policy development processes and our staff to support the continual improvement of environmental performance

HEFCW will commit to continual environmental improvement by:-

- Reducing the amount of waste generated by reusing and recycling;
- Ensuring that procurement processes support the identification and purchase of products /services which have minimal environmental impact;
- Using energy and water in an efficient way;
- Minimising emissions from business related travel by encouraging the application of sustainable principles of travel;
- Ensuring full compliance with environmental legislation relevant to the organisations activities;
- Ensuring that environmental sustainability appropriately informs our external policy making processes and managing our own activities to prevent pollution.
- Assessing and reporting on environmental sustainability within our performance reporting.

Signed 
Chief Executive

Date: 18/12/12