

## **University of Hull Environmental Policy**

The Senior Management Team of the University of Hull is vested with responsibility for developing the strategy and approving the Corporate Policies of the University and for organising the internal control systems. It approves this Environmental Policy in the exercise of these responsibilities and its social responsibility, and in line with the values of the University and its culture of environmental protection.

### **1. Purpose**

The Environmental Policy is intended to extend to all stakeholders/interested parties related to the University and to bodies belonging to the group of which the University is the controlling entity, within the meaning established by law (the “**Group**”), because of its protection of the environment.

In this regard, the Senior Management Team of the University considers the environment as a determining factor in all human activities and the environmental impact of which is generally recognised and is more significant in connection with climate change and biodiversity. In addition, the Senior Management Team of the University recognises the University’s potential for contributing to the conservation and protection of the environment.

The growing social demand in favour of the preservation of the environment, ever more stringent regulatory requirements, and constant scrutiny of management by analysts, assessors, and various agents of civil society, determine the environmental context in which the University operates.

### **2. Scope of Application**

This Environmental Policy applies to all bodies of the Group, as well as to all investees not belonging to the Group over which the University has effective control, within the lawfully stabilised limits.

At those bodies in which the University has an interest and to which the Policy does not apply, the University will promote the alignment of their own policies, such that they adhere to principles and guidelines that are consistent with those set forth in this Policy.

This Environmental Policy shall also apply, to the extent relevant, to the contractors acting in the name of the University, as well as to the joint ventures, temporary joint ventures (unions temporales de empresas), and other equivalent associations, if the University assumes the management thereof.

The management of the various bodies making up the Group are responsible for the determination and implementation of the Environmental Policy, in accordance with the corporate and governance structures.

This policy is designed to accord with the Universities current Strategic Plan (2016 Section 4).

### **3. Environmental Commitments**

The University considers the environmental dimension as a priority for the University in planning its activities. This compels it to promote innovation, eco-efficiency, and the gradual reduction of environmental impacts in the activities of the University, to become a sustainable driver of the economy and an ally of balanced development.

Accordingly, aware of the importance of this factor in carrying out its activities for its customers and for other significant stakeholders with whom it interacts, the University undertakes to promote innovation in this field and eco-efficiency, i.e. to gradually reduce the environmental impacts of their activities, facilities, products, and services, as well as to offer, promote, and investigate eco-efficient solutions, thus

harmonizing the conduct of their activities with the legitimate right of current and future generations to enjoy an adequate environment.

#### 4. Instruments for the Adoption and Promotion of Environmental Commitments

The environmental commitments of the University are promoted through:

- a) An organizational structure with clearly defined responsibilities in connection with the environment and sustainability in general.
- b) This *Environmental Policy* and other specific policies relating to significant specific aspects, such as biodiversity and climate change.
- c) The consideration of the environmental variable in risk control and management policies.
- d) The funding of specific budgets.
- e) The periodic preparation of specific strategic plans that determine strategic priorities and key matters relating to the environment.
- f) The establishment of environmental goals.
- g) Training of and provision of information to students and employees.
- h) Participation in initiatives, ratings, and indices relating to sustainability and the environment.