



Energy Policy

London School of Economics and Political Sciences (LSE) is a world leading international university based in London. LSE was founded in 1895 to create and share knowledge addressing major social challenges and to shape a better world.

LSE recognises that its activities involve the use of energy which has an environmental impact. The School seeks to support the leaders and citizens of the future to responsibly shape the world in which we live, by creating an institutional culture which collectively works to continually improve LSE's energy performance.

The LSE Energy Policy will deliver the School's Sustainability Policy commitment to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. The Policy will be implemented through an ISO 50001 certified Energy Management System, a systematic approach to managing our energy impacts.

- We will strive to continually improve energy performance by reducing energy consumption, increasing energy efficiency in buildings and equipment and minimising carbon emissions by using low and zero carbon technologies wherever practicable.
- We will implement a decarbonisation plan for the estate in line with our Net Zero (Scope 1 and 2) 2030 and 2050 (scope 1, 2 and 3) targets.
- We will design the LSE estate, including joint venture developments where possible, to improve energy performance:
 - All new buildings will be targeted to achieve a minimum of BREEAM Outstanding, 'A' ratings for their Energy Performance Certificates and a minimum of 'B' for subsequent Display Energy Certificates.
 - Refurbishments of sufficient size and scope will be targeted to achieve SKA rating (Higher Education) Gold certification.
 - All estates developments are governed by a relevant sustainability standard appropriate to their scope, which is selected using a defined framework.
 - All major developments will be accompanied by suitable post-occupancy evaluation and user-engagement to ensure good energy and carbon performance in use.
 - All new buildings and major refurbishments will be targeted to achieve Net Zero carbon in Construction (a building's product and construction stages up to practical completion) and Operational carbon (energy and water) and achieve PassivHaus/EnerPHit accreditation

where appropriate.

- We will ensure energy impacts are considered in the procurement of products and services to drive continuous energy improvement.
- When sourcing energy, we are committed to using green renewable options and providers, unless cost prohibitive. We will reduce our environmental impacts associated with energy consumption, including carbon emissions, resource consumption, ecosystem degradation and pollution.
- We will raise awareness of energy consumption and the Energy Policy at all levels of the School.
- We will ensure LSE complies with all compliance obligations, which relate to energy use, consumption and efficiency.

In order to support these commitments, LSE will provide the necessary resources and information to achieve the School's objectives and targets, including (but not limited to) staff, budget, facilities and training.

Review schedule

Review interval	Next review due by
2 years	June 2027

Version history

Version	Date	Approved by	Notes
1	29-01-2015	Estates Strategy Committee	Approved and published to web
2	March 2017 March 2019	Estates Strategy Committee ELG	Reviewed in March 2019 by ELG, no changes.
3	22 May 2020	ELG	Minor changes to update figures and contact details
3.1	30 June 2021	Sustainability Leadership Board	Minor cosmetic changes and contact details
4	May 2023	Sustainability Leadership Board	Biannual Review
5	June 2025	Sustainability Leadership Board	Minor changes to formatting and text. Inclusion of JVs. Amendment to preferred energy purchasing hierarchy.

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Communications and Training

Will this document be publicised through Internal Communications?	Yes
Will training needs arise from this policy	Yes
If Yes, please give details	
<p>All staff and students to receive energy awareness information through the online sustainability e-module, and other targeted communications and campaigns.</p> <p>Training needs will arise for specific roles that will have delivery and/or oversight of operations related to energy using equipment and processes.</p>	