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Universities launch 'green scorecard'

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LSE is aiming to achieve BREEAM 'outstanding' on its Centre for Social Sciences building

University estate directors have launched the first ever 'scorecard' for measuring sustainability in their buildings.

The Arup-designed 'Green Scorecard', set up by the Association of University Estate Directors (AUDE), will produce data on various sustainability measures and set targets.

It has been developed to recognise and reflect a university's size, location and specific institutions, and will focus on energy, transport, water, waste, adaptation, biodiversity and landscape, procurement, and management.

Online reports in these areas will also be produced to help inform estate development and sustainability strategies.

Trevor Humphreys, chair of AUDE, said: "As an organisation, the sustainability agenda is one of our primary areas of focus.

"The scorecard will give us a very effective and transparent way to set targets, monitor performance, to showcase best practice and to highlight areas where we can improve."

Keith Lilley, director of estates and facilities management at the University of Sheffield, said: "The purpose of using the Green Scorecard is primarily to properly reflect the sustainability work and performance of universities

throughout the UK.

"It allows universities to see how and where they can improve."