



# LSE Energy Policy

## 1. Introduction

The purpose of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) is to increase understanding of a complex and changing world through excellent teaching and research in the social sciences by promoting its work to policy makers and practitioners in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Founded in 1895, LSE adopted the motto *rerum cognoscere causas* – to understand the causes of things.

The LSE educates around 9,900 students from 140 countries. It employs 3,100 members of staff, and manages 30 campus buildings and 8 halls of residence across four London boroughs, as well as an 11 acre sports ground in Surrey.

## 2. Policy aims

LSE recognises that its activities involve the use of energy. 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 Environmental Policy commitment to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. It will be implemented through an ISO 50001 certified Energy Management System, in order to deliver a systematic approach to managing our energy impacts.

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.

## 3. Policy objectives

1. 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 possible.
2. Design the LSE estate to improve energy performance. All new buildings will achieve a minimum of

BREEAM Excellent, 'A' ratings for their Energy Performance Certificates and a minimum of 'B' for subsequent Display Energy Certificates. Refurbishments of sufficient size and scope will achieve RICS Ska (Higher Education) Silver 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.

3. Ensure energy impacts are considered in the procurement of products and services in order to drive continuous energy improvement.
4. When sourcing energy itself, the School is committed to using 'green' low-carbon options and providers where possible.
5. Reduce the School's environmental impacts associated with its energy consumption, including carbon emissions, resource consumption, ecosystem degradation and pollution.
6. Raise awareness of energy consumption and the Energy Policy at all levels of the School.
7. Ensure LSE complies with applicable legal requirements, and other requirements to which the School subscribes, which relate to energy use, consumption and efficiency.

## 4. Policy review

This policy and its objectives and targets will be regularly reviewed and updated by the Environmental Leadership Group, whose membership includes top management of the School and student representation.

## Review schedule

Review interval	Next review due by	Next review start
Annually (by ELG) – but major reviews will go via ESC	ELG March 2020	January 2020

## Version history

Version	Date	Approved by	Notes
1	March 2017	Estates Strategy Committee	Reviewed in March 2018 by ELG, but not sent up to ESC as no changes.
	March 2019	ELG	Reviewed in March 2019 by ELG, but not sent up to ESC as no changes.

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