



Energy Policy

Context

The 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. Our mission is to advance knowledge in social science and a range of related fields so as to inform public policy, economic decision-making, and social welfare both nationally and globally.

We educate around 11,900 students from 133 countries. We employ around 3,300 members of staff, and manage about 30 campus buildings and 8 halls of residence across four London boroughs, as well as an 23 acre sports ground in Surrey.

LSE is committed to acting responsibly and sustainably, as set out in both LSE's 2030 Strategy and our Ethics Code.

1. Policy aims

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. It will be implemented through an ISO 50001 certified Energy Management System, 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.

2. Policy objectives

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

3. Policy review

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

Review schedule

Review interval	Next review due by
2 years	June 2023

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

Links

Reference	Link

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Communications and Training

Will this document be publicised through Internal Communications?	Yes/ No
Will training needs arise from this policy	Yes/ No
If Yes, please give details	
All staff and students to receive energy awareness information through the online sustainability e-module, and other targeted communications and campaigns. Training needs will arise for specific roles that will have delivery and/or oversight of operations related to energy using equipment and processes.	