



Minutes of the Board for Energy and Environment

Date: Friday 2 October 2020
By MS Teams

Attendees:

- Professor Phil Hart Director of Energy and Power, Chair
- Ian Sibbald Director of Finance
- John Street Director of Facilities
- Stewart Elsmore Director of Campus Services
- Gareth Ellis Energy and Environment Manager
- Ginny Ford Environment Advisor
- Angus Murchie Energy Advisor
- Becky Shepherd Environment Co-ordinator

Apologies: Geoff Say, Gio Lusignani, Zixin Wan, Rosina Watson

	Item	Action
1.	The apologies were noted.	
2.	<p>Matters arising The Board agreed to consider a KPI for kWh. The action is to update the management system and incorporate all KPIs in future reporting.</p> <p>Composting options. Several options have been considered. A location has been identified next to the new pilot hall. Implementation will require a concrete pad and walling. The payback period will be short, within a year.</p> <p>The issues of waste segregation r.e. masks was discussed. Cawleys to clarify.</p> <p>Green team advocacy is underway.</p>	<p>GE</p> <p>GF</p>
3.	<p>Annual Report 2019/20 The report was summarised and would be circulated for Board approval by email. Carbon reduction is at 43% against a 50% target and helped by COVID. Waste, partly influenced by COVID is on target. Travel, now embedded in travel plan and doesn't come in until 2015. Water, COVID has influenced this, from 13% previous year to 17%. There was increasing focus on what could be done to reduce leaks and influence behaviour. Discharges, performance of sewage works saw a reduction in ammonia; suspended solids increased, biochemical oxygen declined and overall the works has operated much better than in previous years; ISO140001, standard paras, slightly updated; ISO 50001 to be included.</p>	GE
4.	Environmental Management review	

	<p>The report was summarised and taken as read. The priorities set out in section 11. 'Opportunities for continual improvement' of the report were recognized and agreed.</p> <p>It was noted that an ongoing budget to manage the promotional work carried out by the environmental team would be beneficial. A new partnership with a charity in Milton Keynes who restore bicycles was being explored. The Board recognised the need for a 5-year rolling plan of budgetary needs.</p>	GE
5.	<p>Energy and Environment policies</p> <p>The Energy Policy is ready for signature, approval and subject to council approval. No changes are required to the Environment Policy or Energy Code of Practice. The Board approved all Policies, subject to council approval.</p>	
6.	<p>New targets</p> <p>The proposed target date for the newly proposed University targets of 2030 is adequate. The Executive had no objections and the recommendation was that we need to work out more detail and progress. Revisions would be made prior to Council sign-off in the Autumn.</p>	GE
7.	<p>Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme</p> <p>Full and partial funding is possible. The deadline is 11 January 2021 and there are opportunities to make early bids starting 12 October 2020. Insulation, LED lights, renewable energy, solar panels are all eligible; and it does open up the prospect of looking at insulation for the hangers. To be progressed in early October 2020.</p>	GE
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Concern was raised in relation to the removal of green space around the outdoor dwell areas. It was confirmed that re-landscaping was in progress and would be implemented with an increase in biodiversity. This would be highlighted on key web and intranet pages.</p>	GE