

WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Introduction

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 imposes Duty of Care provisions on all who produce, keep or dispose of waste of any type. This Act, together with an increasing volume of related waste management legislation and guidance, is intended to ensure that waste management is adequately controlled. To meet these legal and other obligations CMET requires that all staff, students, visitors and any others making use of its premises, comply with legislative requirements and associated guidance on waste management.

Sustainability Policy

CMET's Environment and Sustainability Policy is founded on maintaining and developing the University in a sustainable manner. Operational practices direct that the University will, wherever possible, pursue waste management systems promoting minimisation, re-use and recycling, along with making use of materials, the extraction and production of which are ecologically sustainable and recyclable.

Strategic Aims

CMET's strategic aims in pursuit of this policy are to:-

1. Minimise waste at source
2. Manage waste responsibly
3. Maximise Re-use and Recycling
4. Reduce waste sent to landfill

To accomplish these aims CMET will:-

- Ensure that suitable measures and monitoring arrangements are in place for the management of waste and compliance with all relevant legislation.
- Advise staff on how to minimize the production of waste by the utilization of waste reduction techniques.
- Provide facilities and systems for recycling and re-use on all campuses.
- Develop a communication plan for staff, students and visitors to facilitate their participation in the recycling and re-use of their waste.
- Set and monitor relevant achievable targets for recycling and for reduction of waste to landfill.
- Monitor and report progress against targets.
- Work with external agencies to ensure that adequate waste management and recycling facilities are available to meet the requirements of CMET's waste management strategy.
- Promote and make full use of services offered by suppliers and third parties who will collect, re-use or recycle any used items.
- Ensure that all future waste management contracts are aligned with CMET's waste management aims.
- Research all possible avenues for additional external funding in support of waste management and recycling.
- Review policy, guidance and procedures to ensure they meet changes in legislative requirements.