

Royal Academy of Music

Utilities Policy

The Utilities Policy has been written to complement the Environmental Policy, providing an explanation of the Academy's practices, as well as providing a framework for future developments.

It is the policy and intention of the Academy to exercise responsible management of energy and water, without having a negative impact on the academic aims and output of the Academy. We aim to minimise:

- Energy and water usage and costs.
- Level of harmful emissions (CO₂).
- Depletion of fossil fuels.
- Wastage of natural resources.

For a number of years we have achieved a high level of efficiency with regard to water usageⁱ, however we will continue to monitor and research new ways of further improving our standing. The Academy is committed to working towards reducing carbon emissions as well as national targets. Our carbon emissions are reported annually, as required by the HEFCE to HESA's EMR data collection as well as the CRC Carbon Scheme. As such, we have identified the following objectives:

- To consider the fuel mix as well as price when purchasing energy.
- To seek to minimise costs associated with carbon emissions (eg CRC credits) through effective energy management.
- To investigate and implement technology to reduce fuel and water usage, as well as minimising heat loss.
- To take energy and water efficiency into account in all future building projects and refurbishments.
- To minimise gaseous emissions and waste products which are likely to cause damage to the environment.
- To increase engagement and promote awareness of energy efficiency amongst staff and students.

An Environmental Action Plan has been formulated to set out time-bound targets for initiatives and projects related to this policy, as well as other environmental policies.

Responsibility for the day-to-day implementation of this policy lies with the Estates Manager and Estates Management Assistant.

This policy was written with the intention of being considered in conjunction with the Environmental Policy, and as such, will be reviewed annually by the Environmental Sub Group, with a written report presented annually to the Governing Body and subsequently made publicly available.

ⁱ According to Sustain Report (2007)