

Swansea University Residential Services Policy: Sustainability Policy for Accommodation

1. Introduction

Swansea University is committed to embedding sustainability across all areas of operation, including student accommodation. This policy aligns with the University's overarching sustainability strategy to reduce environmental impact, enhance social responsibility, and promote sustainable living practices within our residences.

2. Environmental Responsibility

- Reduce energy and water consumption through efficient technologies and student engagement.
- Implement waste reduction strategies, including enhanced recycling facilities and food waste collection.
- Support biodiversity initiatives within accommodation sites through green spaces and nature-friendly projects.
- Prioritise sustainable procurement and the use of eco-friendly materials.

3. Social and Ethical Responsibility

- Encourage a culture of sustainability among students through awareness campaigns, training, and engagement activities.
- Support student-led sustainability initiatives and partnerships with sustainability-focused groups.
- Residential Services is actively collaborating with SOS-UK (Students Organising for Sustainability UK) to drive sustainable change within student residences. This partnership will enable us to:
 - Engage students in sustainability initiatives such as Green Impact and Student Switch Off.
 - Provide educational resources and events to promote sustainable living habits.
 - Benchmark and improve our environmental performance through participation in SOS-UK programs.

5. Continuous Improvement

- Conduct regular sustainability audits and reviews of accommodation sites.
- Integrate student sustainability initiatives into our feedback.
- Set measurable targets to improve sustainability performance year on year.

By implementing this policy, we aim to foster a sustainable living environment that benefits students, staff, and the wider community while supporting Swansea University's broader sustainability goals.