

Appendix 6: Waste Management Actions & Projects in 2019/20

Table 1: Actions to meet the waste reduction target for 2019/20

Action	Comment	Progress
Keep RUSU/Catering Yard waste production stable (+/- 1%) at 2015/16 levels.	Total waste produced shows a 40% reduction against the baseline year of 2015/16.	On track
Halve the rate of waste increase (1.5%) at the Library.	The Library, URS and Chancellors are reported together due to recent space moves and interactions. These buildings show a 42% reduction in total waste produced against the baseline year of 2015/16.	On track
Halve the rate of waste increase (1.5%) at the science buildings (Harborne, Knight, AMS, Chemistry, Hopkins, Food Bioscience (Harry Nursten), Agriculture, Russell).	In combination, there is an overall 18% reduction against last year, and a 28% reduction in total waste produced against the baseline year of 2015/16.	On track
Halve the rate of waste increase (1.5%) at Greenlands.	Total waste produced shows a 37% reduction against last year, and a 43% reduction against the baseline year of 2015/16.	On track
Keep paper and card waste production stable (+/- 1%).	There was a 35% reduction in the amount of paper and cardboard waste produced against the baseline year of 2015/16.	On track
Reduce waste by 1% through general behavioural change initiatives at other areas of the University not covered by the above.	The total weight of waste produced at other areas not covered by the above has seen a 35% reduction compared to the baseline year of 2015/16.	On track

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Table 2: Actions to meet the recycling rate target for 2019/20

Action	Comment	Progress
Increase recycling by 3% each year at RUSU/Catering Yard. 2020/21 target of 70.4%	Recycling rate decreased by 3.3% compared to last year, and shows a 2.1% decrease against the baseline year of 2015/16. Recycling rate for the RUSU/Catering yard is 53.4%.	Not on track
Increase recycling at the Library by 5% each year. 2020/21 target of 49.5%	The Library, URS and Chancellors are reported together due to recent space moves and interactions. These buildings show an overall increase of 0.4% against the baseline year of 2015/16. The overall recycling rate is 32.8%.	Not on track
Increase recycling at the science buildings (Harborne, Knight, Chemistry, Hopkins, AMS, Food Bioscience (<i>Harry Nursten</i>), Agriculture, Russell) by 3% each year. 2020/21 target of 44.3%	In combination, there was an overall 0.4% decrease compared to last year, but a 7.7% increase against the baseline year of 2015/16, but this is not on track to meet the 2020/21 target. The overall recycling rate is 37.0%.	Not on track
Increase recycling at Henley, Greenlands by 3% each year. 2020/21 target of 59.5%	Recycling rate decreased by 2.5% compared to last year, and increased by 0.7% against the baseline year of 2015/16. The recycling rate for Greenlands is 50.7%.	Not on track
Increase recycling at HumSS (Edith Morley) by 2% each year. 2020/21 target of 58.3%	Recycling rate decreased by 4.3% against last year, and remained static against the baseline year of 2015/16. The recycling rate for Edith Morley is 48.3%.	Not on track
Increase recycling at Palmer/Carrington by 1% each year. 2020/21 target of 59.3%	Recycling rate increased by 7.6% against last year, but it decreased by 1.2% against the baseline year of 2015/16. The recycling rate for Palmer/Carrington is 53.1%.	Not on track
Increase recycling at Agriculture by 2% each year. 2020/21 target of 62.7%	Recycling rate decreased by 0.1% against last year, however it decreased by 9.7% against the baseline year of 2015/16. The recycling rate for Agriculture is 43.0%.	Not on track
Increase recycling at Meteorology / Psychology by 2% each year. 2020/21 target of 56.3%	Recycling rate decreased by 3.0% against last year, however it increased by 4.4% against the baseline year of 2015/16. The recycling rate for Meteorology/Psychology is 50.7%.	Not on track
Increase recycling at London Road campus by 5.5% each year. 2020/21 target of 60.1%	Recycling rate decreased by 3.2% against last year, and it increased by 8.2% against the baseline year of 2015/16. The recycling rate for London Road is 40.9%.	Not on track
Increase recycling by 0.5% each year across the rest of the University not covered by the above. 2020/21 target of 52.1%*	Recycling rate has increased by 0.7% against last year, but it decreased by 1.8% against the baseline year of 2015/16. The recycling rate for other areas not covered by the above is 52.9%.	Not on track

* It has been discovered that the calculation used to determine the target of 52.1% stated in the Waste Strategy was incorrect. A revised calculation has determined that the 2020/21 target should be 61.3%.

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Table 3: Waste management projects undertaken in 2019/20

Implementation	Location	Description	Cost (inc. VAT)
September 2019	All campuses	Jump platform to encourage staff engagement with sustainability – contribution to annual cost of operating the scheme.	£2,763
November 2019	School of the Built Environment	Upgrading of recycling facilities in L46, London Road.	Bins used from stock
December 2019	All campuses	Spare furniture take-home event for staff and local community organisations via the Warp-it re-use portal, to increase re-use rates.	Disposal costs saved
January 2020	Rugby pitch, Whiteknights	Installation of external recycling bin on concrete plinth beside rugby pitch.	£445
August 2019	Whiteknights	Installation of 3 dog waste bins around Whiteknights Lake area as part of improvement works.	Included in project cost
February 2020	URS	Supply and installation of waste and recycling bins for new study space in URS building.	Included in project cost
February 2020	Library	Trial of internal waste/recycling bins in Library pods to help collect waste.	£141
July 2020	Hockey pitch, Whiteknights	Recycling facilities upgrade – supply new waste and recycling bins.	£414
July 2020	RUSU building	Recycling facilities upgrade – supply new internal recycling stations.	£2,000
Additional labour charges for all projects			£92
Grand total for recycling projects in 2019/20:			£5,855