

## Water Policy – Department of Estates

### **1. Introduction**

The University of Hertfordshire is committed to water management measures which, in addition to meeting all legal requirements and approved codes of practice, `minimise water wastage and optimise the use of water saving and harvesting technologies where possible.

### **2. Policy Aims**

This policy is to clarify the water management that takes place at the University and to reflect the commitments set out in the University's Environmental Policy.

### **3. The University of Hertfordshire is committed to:**

- Complying with all relevant legal and legislative requirements relating to water use, consumption, and efficiency
- Identifying areas of significant water use at the University in order to set appropriate objectives and action plans designed to reduce water waste
- Reducing year on year water consumption, benchmarking will be undertaken this year using water intensity (per staff and student FTE) in line with targets
- Monitor and report on water consumption
- Procuring water in line with the university's Procurement Policy
- Support the purchase of water efficient products and services as outlined in the university Sustainable Procurement Policy
- Develop a programme of preventative maintenance to maintain and optimise the water efficiency of installed building services
- Ensure the availability of information and necessary resources to achieve water objectives and targets
- Consider and implement, where possible, water saving and harvesting technologies within all new build and major refurbishment projects in line with the Sustainable Construction principles
- Provide compliant vehicle wash down facilities for the university fleet
- Drinking water facilities will be provided for staff and students across the estate

### **4. Water Targets 2022-2023**

Water consumption (m <sup>3</sup> )	Water consumption to remain below 13m <sup>3</sup> per person
Water consumption (m <sup>3</sup> /fte)	Reduction year on year