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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

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Introduction

As a part of the University of Cambridge, the Museum of Classical Archaeology (MOCA) implements the University Environmental Policy and Strategy and seeks guidance from the Environmental Office and other resources as appropriate. As a member of the University of Cambridge Museums (UCM) consortium, MOCA also implements the additional commitments of the UCM Environmental Policy.

These policies are set out below:

The University of Cambridge

This document sits within the context of the University of Cambridge's Environmental Sustainability Vision, Policy and Strategy,¹ which was launched in 2015.

The Policy states:

'The University of Cambridge is committed to making a positive impact through outstanding environmental sustainability performance. The University, and UCM within the University, will comply fully with environmental legislation and officially approved codes of practice, and will make continued efforts to reduce its environmental impact through the implementation of an Environmental Strategy which sets out a range of underpinning principles, priority areas, key impacts and supporting approaches, including:

Underpinning principles

- To build on academic excellence to enable positive change through research, knowledge-transfer, learning and education
- To maximise the wider positive impact of the University's environmental sustainability actions at local, national and international level through communication, collaboration, partnership
- To create a culture where the University community is engaged, empowered and supported in improving their personal and collective environmental sustainability practices
- To protect and enhance the natural environment by reducing our direct environmental impact

Priority areas

- Reduce carbon emissions
- Positive impact through teaching and research
- Conserve natural resources

¹ Available at:

http://www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/files/environmental_sustainability_vision_policy_and_strategy_for_web.pdf

The University's multi-step Environmental Strategy covers the management of: energy & carbon, water and waste; biodiversity and ecosystems, sustainable procurement; construction and refurbishment; travel; and environmental sustainability in teaching & research and partnership and engagement.

An Environmental Sustainability Strategy Committee provides strategic oversight of the University's commitment to environmental sustainability, with the implementation of the Strategy coordinated and undertaken by the Environment and Energy Section with the University's Estate Management Department. Representatives of the Environmental and Energy Coordinator network distribute the monthly sustainability newsletter, Greenlines, keeping University stakeholders informed. Bi-annual reports on key performance indicators are presented to the Committee, with performance benchmarked annually against national and international peer institutions.

An environmental management system (EMS) based on ISO 14001 is being developed to help strengthen the management of environmental issues throughout the University. The EMS is externally certified under the EcoCampus scheme and achieved the Silver Award level on 14 April 2016. The University runs a number of incentivisation programmes to encourage departments and staff to reduce their environmental impact including: Energy and Carbon Reduction Project; Electricity Incentivisation Scheme; a water conservation programme; and the University Travel Plan.

The whole University community is encouraged to take part in green initiatives through the 'Cambridge Green Challenge'. As part of this the University runs an annual Switch Off Week each year, working with staff, students and visitors to encourage efficiency and reducing waste through switching off unnecessary electrical equipment.

UCM specific policies

UCM have adopted the University Museum Group Environmental Principles based on Bizot Group principles for environmental standards for exhibition loans. The Bizot Group agreed the updated Bizot Green Protocol in 2015.²

UCM Environmental Action Plan 2015-18

This Action Plan outlines the UCM's strategic approach to reducing the environmental impact of its activities over the period April 2015- March 2018. It provides a framework within which the activities of the UCM as a whole, and those of individual museums and collections can fit.

It closely references the UCM's planned activities as outlined in the UCM Activity Plan, and expands the UCM's aspirations as outlined in the UCM Strategic Plan.

² Available at: <http://www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/what-we-do/contributing-sector/environmental-conditions/>