

Cancer Research UK Sustainability Policy

Cancer Research UK is the world's leading charity dedicated to cancer research. We carry out scientific research to help prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. The work that we do saves thousands of lives a year. All our activities are directed towards our ultimate goal of beating cancer. This policy outlines our commitment to environmental stewardship and responsibility in all aspects of our work towards this overall aim.

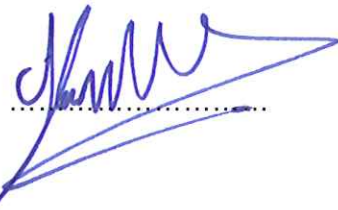
Sustainability can be defined as putting economic and environmental considerations on a more equal footing with the aim of improving quality of life now and for future generations. Safeguarding the vitality of our planet and upholding high ethical and social standards is our collective responsibility and we will play our part by continuing to integrate sustainability into our day to day thinking.

Overall Policy Commitments:

- We have reviewed our social and environmental impacts and will develop action plans to improve them over time, focusing on the most significant impacts first;
- We commit to comply with environmental legislation and other requirements which we are subject to;
- We will ensure employees are aware of how they can contribute towards the commitments outlined within this policy, and;
- We will regularly review our performance to ensure continuous improvement.

CR-UK will pursue the following goals:

- Reduce carbon emissions by 15% (5% per year) by April 2012 in relation to the 2008 baseline carbon audit by improving the efficiency of our operations, designing lower carbon buildings and encouraging resource efficiency throughout our operations.
- Eliminate, replace or reduce the use of environmentally deleterious materials where feasible and ensure safe handling and disposal to prevent pollution.
- Minimise waste at source, then follow the three R's; reduce, reuse or recycle with recovery and disposal being the least preferred option. Reduce waste to landfill/incineration by 30% (10% per year) by April 2012 from the 2008 baseline.
- Uphold high ethical purchasing standards and include environmental and social considerations as a factor in purchasing decisions.
- Promote and encourage sustainable transport at our sites such as walking, cycling and using public transport.
- Demonstrate responsibility to our people and the communities we operate in by involving our stakeholders in our sustainability strategy .

Signed: 

Date: 21 May 2009

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Policy notes:

1. The 2008 carbon footprint calculation includes energy use, employee travel, waste disposal and paper use.
2. These high level targets are supported by a sustainability strategy and further department specific action plans relating to the policy commitments which will be monitored by the Sustainable Development Group on a quarterly basis.
3. This policy and targets will be formally reviewed by the Executive Board annually.