

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board

Energy Policy

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1.0 Purpose

Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board is committed to implementing and improving its Energy Management System and energy performance within its scope and boundaries.

This policy provides a statement of the high-level overview of WWETB's intent that members of the organisation should apply to their work activities.

This policy also provides a framework for WWETB to set energy objectives and targets and associated energy management action plans to further improve its energy performance.

2.0 Scope

This policy sets out the commitment of WWETB to provide a safe, comfortable working and learning environment and providing a high level of safe sustainable energy to allow WWETB to protect the environment.

While ensuring continuous improvement in energy performance throughout WWETB will be achieved by prioritising objectives and targets. The information and resources necessary to achieve these targets will be made available. WWETB will comply with all relevant legal and other requirements related to its energy use and efficiency, with an ambition to achieve public sector 2030 and 2050 energy efficiency and climate targets.

3.0 Objectives

- 3.1 WWETB will maintain records and monitor energy usage and continue to improve energy efficiency across the organization where possible. To report annually on the climate action mandate.
- 3.2 WWETB will work to implement its targets and goals as listed in the WWETB Climate Action Roadmap 2025.
- 3.3 WWETB will update its Climate Action Roadmap annually. Setting out progress and targets to deliver on its energy efficiency and emissions reduction targets.
- 3.4 WWETB will ensure continual improvement in its energy performance.
- 3.5 WWETB will consider energy performance improvements in design and modification of its built estate.
- 3.6 WWETB will continue to work with organisations such as Green-Schools and SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland).
- 3.7 WWETB will be committed to a responsible energy policy with the full inclusion of all staff, students and senior management working together with an ambition to achieve public sector 2030 and 2050 energy efficiency and climate targets.
- 3.8 WWETB will raise energy awareness and encourage responsible energy usage across the organisation by providing continuous energy awareness and training for staff and students.
- 3.9 WWETB shall ensure the availability of information and resources to meet its objectives and targets.

This policy may be updated at any time (without notice) to ensure changes to the WWETB's business practices are properly reflected in this policy. Please ensure that you check the WWETB's intranet for the most up to date version.

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- 3.10** WWETB will liaise with facilities' partners and landlords to encourage and support initiatives for energy performance improvements and energy efficient design, where appropriate.
- 3.11** WWETB's Energy Policy will be communicated at all levels within the organisation and will be regularly reviewed and updated, as necessary.

4.0 Policy

WWETB is committed to operating all facilities in accordance with organization energy and environmental policies and all applicable legal requirements. WWETB will comply with its environmental obligations, including taking a proactive approach regarding environmental legislation that affects the organization.

By implementing this policy WWETB will reduce energy consumption and costs, which will allow the organisation to create a better environment for staff and students. By becoming a low energy user, WWETB will create a positive public image of the organisation.

5.0 Review and Update

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually in line with best practice, or in light of changes in legislation and guidance from sources such as Internal Audit, C&AG, the Department of Education, the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform, on the issuing of circular letter or by the Chief Executive in response to business needs.