



# Environment Policy

SRUC is committed to promoting sustainability in the land-based sector, helping to mitigate climate change and minimising any adverse impact of our activities, directly and through our influence on others.

To achieve excellence in sustainable development we provide further and higher education to prepare future generations with the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding. Our main goal is to embed sustainability in learning and teaching, and supporting careers that contribute to sustainability both directly and through sparking debate on the complex issues surrounding a sustainable world.

SRUC and its Student Association work together and through this partnership, we have been recognised for our commitment to rooting sustainability firmly within the curriculum, under the National Union of Students' Responsible Futures Accreditation Scheme.

We undertake world leading research on climate change mitigation and adaptation, particularly in the agricultural and wider land based sectors. Through our consultancy and education functions, we foster collaborative relationships between research and education. This ensures that research is translated into impact as quickly and effectively as possible to support and inform Scotland's land-based sector.

SRUC expects all staff and all learners to protect the environment and take personal responsibility for their actions. We will work with partners and community organisations to help others understand how to protect, maintain and develop the environment.

Our pledge is always to meet or exceed relevant environmental regulations, and other environmental related requirements, through the continual improvement of systems that manage the environment and prevent pollution.

SRUC undertakes its procurement activities in compliance with the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 Sustainable Procurement Duty. Whole life cost (production, use and disposal) will always be considered when procuring goods or services.

Our commitment to act on climate change mitigation and adaptation includes action to meet the 2050 greenhouse gas reduction targets. We will continue to develop and monitor our Carbon Management Plan, our environmental objectives and targets to assist in meeting our obligations and commitments.

In addition, we have a responsibility to ensure that resources needed for our environmental ISO 14001 Certification are available, to ensure they remain effective at Elmwood Campus, Elmwood Golf Course and SAC Consulting: Environment Team.

We monitor and review this policy annually, and revise it where necessary, to ensure that it is, and remains effective.



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Principal and Chief Executive

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