

# Zero by 2040 and the Climate Strategy 2016-2026

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## The project

Sets targets to become **net carbon neutral by 2040** in the University's 2016-2026 Climate Strategy which also identifies key issues, the actions planned to address them and how to reduce emissions, created in response to the increase in the institution's emissions since introduction of the Climate action plan 2010-2020.



## Outcomes and implications

- Sets interim targets to halve its emissions per £million turnover from a 2007-2008 baseline and return its total carbon emissions to 2007-2008 levels by 2025
- The strategy recognises the importance of a whole-institution approach including research, operations, teaching and investment
- Creation of a sustainable campus fund to support initiatives that help address emissions from the main sources identified in the strategy
- Committed to invest in renewable energy technology and research.



## SDGs

The targets set by the University are very ambitious, but the recognition of the need for such targets and the outlining of a strategy on how to achieve such targets is a great example of how organisations can take action to **address climate change** playing their part in the achievement of **SDG13**