Statement for Sustainable IT

The Computer Centre fully supports the University's commitment to building sustainable development into every aspect of the University.

We fully recognise the environmental impacts of IT equipment from purchase and usage to disposal. Therefore, concern for the environment is an integral part of our practices. In an attempt to become a sustainable Computing Centre:

- When we purchase any IT equipment, sustainability and energy efficiency are key procurement factors
- We always look for a supplier who has an environment or sustainability policy and in particular we exercise a preference for suppliers working to ISO14001
- We look into every opportunity to re-use unwanted IT equipment rather than dispose right away
- We continue to expand the virtualisation of our server fleet. At present, 65% of our server fleet is virtualised and we are aiming to increase it to 80% or more
- The default option for the self-service printing system for students on campus is double-sided and black/white
- Wherever possible, we will look for more environment-friendly and energy efficient equipment
- We seek to operate our equipment rooms at optimum efficiency

We highly recommend the following practices to all staff and students:

- Desktop computers should be switched off when not in use
- The number of personal printers should be reduced, whenever possible
- The default printer setting should be double-sided and black/white
- Individuals should consider environmental impacts of their behaviours when using IT equipment
- Consider the environmental impact of IT equipment and consumables before purchasing

We are participating in the project 'Green ICT in London HEIs', which is funded as part of the Green ICT Programme by the Joint Information System Committee (JISC). The project will enable us to accurately measure our energy use and carbon emissions, and to establish the most environment-friendly IT practices.