**LSTM is a centre of research excellence on global health challenges that affect some of the most disadvantaged communities in the world, and given our mission, we have an obligation to advocate for change and be a leading force in the fight against climate change.**

Our policy on sustainability and environment can be accessed [**here(opens in a new tab)**](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Sustainability%20and%20Environmental%20Policy.pdf) and the infographic below illustrates some of our key targets. This policy is reviewed by Management Committee and updated annually.

We are a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact and details of how we are supporting the Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption can be found [**here(opens in a new tab)**](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Annex%204.pdf).

The People and Planets Survey is one means by which Higher Education Institutes are evaluated on their sustainability efforts. Our poor ranking (as a failed institute, along with many other smaller HEIs) in the 2021 People and Planet’s Survey is disappointing. Whilst not denying that we have much work to do to ensure sustainability is embedded in all our activities, the score does not reflect the recent renewed commitment to tackle the climate crisis. We note that our low score is in part due to lack of publicly accessible data in the HESA Estates Returns; as a small HEI, we have not had the resources to submit this voluntary data in recent years which negatively impacted our score. We will review this decision in 2022, in addition to continuing to move forward with our **action plan**

**Our** Sustainability and Environmental Committee is co-chaired by the Head of Estates (Kevin Stewart) and the Dean of Research Culture and Sustainability (Hilary Ranson).

 [**Hilary Ranson**](https://www.lstmed.ac.uk/about/people/professor-hilary-ranson)**)**