**Thematic Forums**

**Terms of Reference**

## Purpose

Thematic Forums use the power of the University's education, research and operational expertise to develop and implement university-wide action plans relating to a specific sustainability theme in support of achieving the Strategy 2030 commitment to lead meaningful action against the climate emergency and ecological crisis.

## Key Objectives

- Identify forum-specific challenges and propose programmes, project and initiatives to mitigate these.
- Develop and implement theme-specific action plans. Report regularly to the Advocate Climate Taskforce (ACT) on progress against action plans.
- Provide advice and make recommendations to the Advocate Climate Taskforce (ACT) on forum-specific topics.
- Make use of leading University research to inform climate action whilst ensuring that sector and industry best practice defines projects.
- Provide and update comms material on initiatives born out of Thematic Forums to maintain and boost engagement.
- Liaise with the the relevant Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC)

## Organisation

- Thematic Forums will meet as often as is required to deliver their objectives. It is anticipated that this will be every 4-8 weeks.
- Thematic Forums may establish subgroups to more efficiently address individual topics.
- Thematic Forums report to the ACT.
- Thematic Forums will liaise closely with Faculty and Professional Service(s) Sustainability Committees.

## Membership

Membership will be drawn from across the University and will include those with relevant academic expertise and experience and a representative from the Sustainability Team.

The Chair will be the ACT theme advocate.

The Chair may invite non-members to attend a meeting to report on or discuss specific matters.

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