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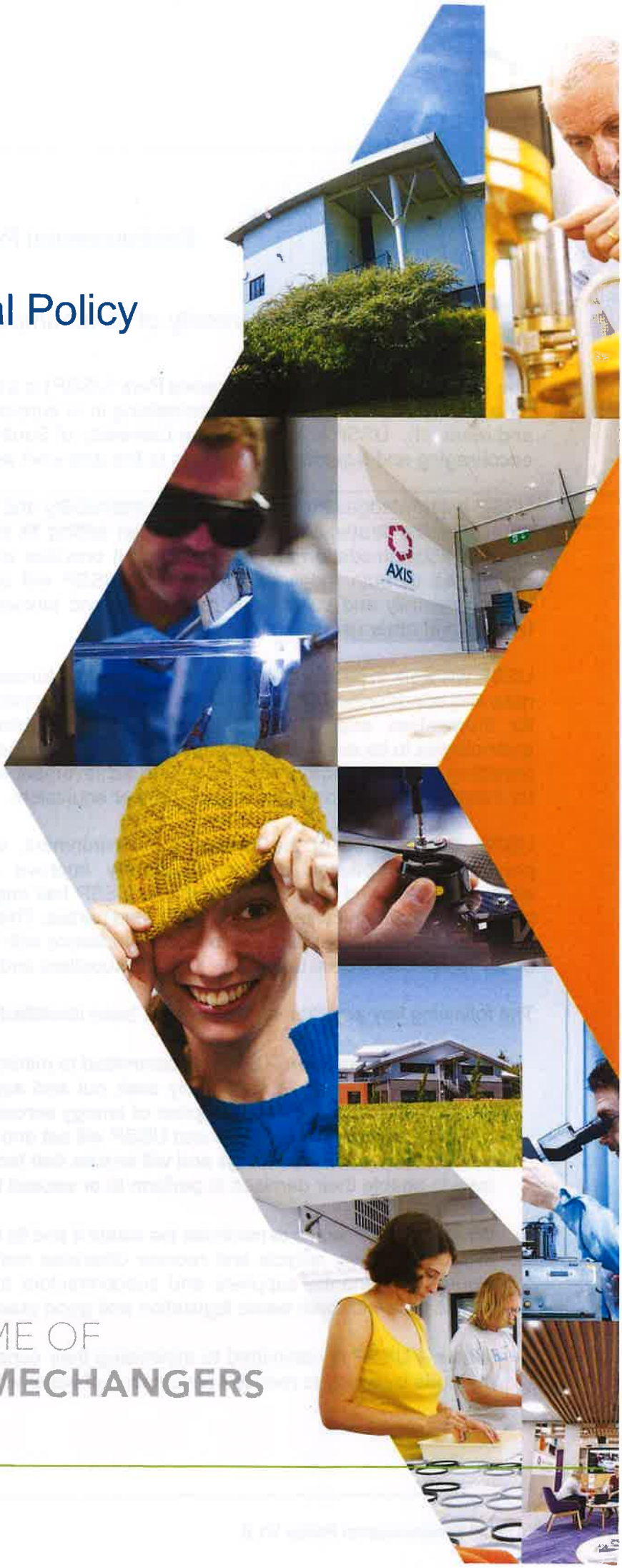

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The University of Southampton Science Park

The University of Southampton Science Park (USSP) is a sector leading, multi-tenanted site catering for a community of organisations specialising in or supporting scientific and engineering innovation and research. USSP is owned by the University of Southampton which recognises USSP's role in encouraging and supporting its tenants to live and work as sustainably as possible.

USSP acknowledges the challenges of sustainability and that maintenance of the status quo is not an acceptable strategy for the future. When setting its sustainability objectives, USSP will ensure that the accommodation and services that it provides are fit for purpose and appropriate for the challenges of both today and the future. USSP will accomplish this through the provision of environmentally and sustainably responsible and innovative accommodation and services for its tenants and other users of the site.

USSP will work in partnership with their tenants to address their environmental, social and economic risks and opportunities and to help them achieve sustainable and responsible economic growth, both for themselves and USSP. This will include enabling relevant and appropriate innovative technologies to be evaluated and showcased as part of the infrastructure of USSP. It will also include providing services in ways that enable the achievement of environmental and other accreditations, for instance certification to ISO14001:2004 or equivalent.

USSP is committed to the care of the environment, compliance with relevant legislation, the prevention of pollution and to continually improve the environmental performance of its accommodation and services. To this end USSP has implemented management processes and a program of communications with all interested parties. This includes making this Sustainability Policy freely available. The need for appropriate compliance with USSP's Sustainability Policy will form part of our future contractual terms with tenants, suppliers and subcontractors.

The following key activities on USSP have been identified as significant:

- **Energy consumption** – USSP is committed to minimising their consumption of non-renewable energy sources and to continually seek out and apply more sustainable sources, skills and technologies to reduce consumption of energy across all activities on the site, whether directly or indirectly controlled. To this end USSP will set and regularly review standards for the energy performance of their buildings and will ensure that tenants are aware of the measures they can take to enable their demises to perform to or exceed the designed energy standards.

- **Waste** – USSP works to minimise the waste it and its tenants generate by seeking opportunities to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover otherwise redundant resources. In addition, the USSP works with tenants, suppliers and subcontractors to apply the waste hierarchy and ensure compliance with both waste legislation and good practice in waste management at all times.

- **Water** – USSP is committed to minimising their consumption of water and to continually seek methods by which to reduce consumption of water wherever practical.

- **Transport** – USSP is aware of the environmental impacts of its own transport operations and those of its tenants and visitors to the site, and seeks ways to reduce them wherever practical through the use of sustainable transport and IT solutions. Therefore, USSP will work with tenants to share the benefits of reduced supplier deliveries to the site, car sharing and improving access to and use of public transport.

- **Training** – USSP is committed to the ongoing training and education of its staff so that it can continue to provide the most appropriate advice and services to its tenants and other users.

- **Procurement** – USSP works to ensure that the resources and services which it purchases are as sustainable as practicable.

- **New builds and refurbishment** - USSP will prioritise the use of sustainable materials in the refurbishing of existing premises or the provision of new accommodation and will avoid the need for the release of volatile organic compounds and other contributors to air pollution and climate change. It will work to ensure good energy performance of new and refurbished premises.

USSP will progressively introduce systems that will set, achieve and regularly review measurable sustainability objectives. The management of USSP will provide appropriate resources in order to enable the site to meet these objectives.

This Policy will be communicated to all staff, tenants, subcontractors and visitors through notice boards, USSP staff induction and training, our website (http://www.science-park.co.uk/) and regular internal communications such as Newsletters and events. Where appropriate, tenants and their sub-contractors are required to acknowledge and adhere to USSP's Sustainability Policy and relevant operating procedures.

Signed by: Robin Chave, *Chief Executive Office*

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