

**1576 Ethical Steering Group** passed 9 October 14

Proposer: Chris Jarvis – Campaigns & Democracy Officer

Seconder: Iain Goddard – Environment Officer

### **Union Notes**

1. That we have a substantial amount of policy relating to ethical and environmental issues, a large proportion of which is yet to be effectively implemented.
2. That of this, much relates to the internal practices of UUEAS
3. That policy 1395 b) – Union Commercial Services - states that we should be an exemplar regarding ethical practices and purchasing
4. That policy 659 – Ethical Investment and Labelling calls for the establishment of a working group to develop the Union's ethical investment, advertising and labelling policy further.
5. That at present there is no formal mechanism for regulating the practices of UUEAS in relation to their ethical and environmental performance

### **Union Believes**

1. That the lack of implementation of ethical and environmental policy has, in part, been a result of there being no existing structure for its implementation, and therefore an undue onus being placed on Part Time Officers
2. That the time and energy students exert in writing, debating and passing policy should not be put to waste as a result of institutional inertia
3. That effective communication between staff and students increases the effectiveness of policy implementation

### **Union Resolves**

1. To establish an Ethical and Environmental steering group whose membership shall be:
  - a. The Campaigns & Democracy Officer
  - b. The Ethical Issues Officer
  - c. The Environment Officer
  - d. Two students elected by Union Council
  - e. Staff within UUEAS responsible for procurement, advertising or commercial partnership.And whose remit shall be:
  - a. To oversee the implementation of existing UUEAS policy on ethical and environmental issues
  - b. To monitor procurement, advertising and commercial partnership, to ensure that it fits within our existing ethical and environmental parameters
  - c. To proactively seek to improve the ethical and environmental performance of UUEAS