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STFC's mission

Mission:

- Discovering the secrets of the Universe
- Developing advanced technologies
- Solving real world challenges

Responsibilities:

- Frontier research: particle physics, astronomy, nuclear physics and space science
- Major UK multi-disciplinary facilities \bullet
- Stewardship of our R&I campuses





Who we are and where we are located?



UK Research and Innovation

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World Class Facilities









ISIS neutron and muon source: providing a unique view of the materials world

- ISIS is the world's most productive pulsed neutron and muon spallation source
- £1.4 billion net economic impact over 30 year life: >200% return on total investment
- Target Station 2 expanded the science programme into soft matter, advanced materials, energy and bio-science
- Has 30 neutron and 5 muon beamlines with newly commissioned instruments responding to new challenges





Central Laser Facility (CLF)

- Internationally leading capability in suite of five high intensity lasers for over 40 years
- Research in a broad range of science areas from high energy physics to chemistry and biology
 - Complex biological reactions within cells to new ideas for future energy production
- Centre for Advanced Laser Technology and Applications
 - Cobalt Light Systems
 - European projects: ELI, HiLASE
- Ground-breaking of new £80m facility (EPAC) took place two weeks ago







Diamond Light Source

- The UK's national synchrotron and a world-leading centre for synchrotron science
- Operated as not-for-profit limited company joint venture between STFC and the Wellcome Trust
- Has been operational since 2007 with over 30 beamlines + EM
 - Extensive applications in life sciences, including protein discovery







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Research and Innovation Campuses





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STFC and Sustainability

The size STFC's challenge

STFC 2018-19 emissions report

- 41,480 tonnes of CO₂ emissions
- 330 tonnes of CO₂ emissions business travel
- 142,000 m3 of water consumed
- 987 tonnes of waste produced
- 19 tonnes of hazardous waste produced

STFC currently accountable for 60% of UKRI's Carbon Footprint*

* UKRI data excludes NERC ships and Antarctic operations





Four Pillars

1. Environmental Sustainability Plan





STFC 2021-22 Action Plan

The ES plan identifies six areas of focus for STFC

Leadership: Achieving buy in to distribute responsibility across our leadership team.

Staff empowerment: Providing staff with the information and training they need to begin to consider environmental sustainability as part of their role and their personal contribution.

Physical environment: In-depth analysis of consumption data (electricity, gas and water) to inform reduction plans, confirming assumptions on future growth and conducting feasibility studies for on-site energy generation.

Science delivery: Delivering a facilities pilot project that assess the considerations, options and cost associated with achieving net zero carbon.

Collaboration: Working with central UKRI to inform plans and agree targets.

Procurement: Begin the process of considering environmental sustainability as part of our large scale and long term supply contracts and asset procurements.





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2. Research to Net Zero





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- 4. Research Impacts on Decarbonisation







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