Strategically plan space



Overview

This standard is for senior managers in the facilities management environment. It is about creating a shared understanding of how space is used within an organisation, and using the information to maximise efficiency including water and energy usage and the application of energy efficiency measures. It involves communicating to others the benefits of the effective use of space including informing organisational planning and portfolio management so that space efficiencies are achieved.

This standard is applicable to those who deliver facilities management services:

- 1. within an organisation, and
- 2. to a client organisation

In this context 'the organisation' can be either your employer or a client.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 ensure the organisation has in place an effective space management system for recording information, including measurements, capacities and functions of the space
- P2 identify opportunities to build in energy management and the use of energy efficiency measures into the overall space management system
- P3 ensure there is an efficient system in place for the collection of standardised data on space utilisation
- P4 gather and use benchmarking data including from other organisations and post-occupancy evaluation to maintain space standards
- P5 use available data to conduct space proximity analysis in order to maximise space interaction
- P6 integrate data on utilisation into space management policy and decisionmaking
- P7 develop and link specific space management objectives to organisational resource planning, and portfolio management
- P8 communicate space management policies and guidelines to relevant others with a role in facilities management in the organisation
- P9 ensure that space management maximises the features of the space to provide flexibility and versatility in its use
- P10 reflect latest industry trends, practices and innovations in space utilisation
- P11 promote space efficiency within the organisation
- P12 incorporate requirements for space efficiency into project briefs, feasibility studies, option appraisals and design reviews
- P13 negotiate with other professionals involved in the design and development of space to achieve optimal space standards
- P14 ensure that space is compliant with relevant legislation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:	K1	the importance of collecting data on the use of space and how it can be used to manage that space
	K2	opportunities to build in energy management and the use of energy efficiency measures into the overall space management system
	K3	the type and range of data required to inform effective space management
	K4	available systems and technologies for collecting and standardising data
	K5	how to determine the cost of space including operating costs, maintenance and depreciation
	K6	how to benchmark data and the importance of doing this
	K7	how available space can be adapted to meet the needs of the organisation and users
	K8	how space use is influenced
	K9	methods and techniques for monitoring, measuring, implementing, testing and reporting space management performance
	K10	the tools and technologies available to plan and manage space efficiently
	K11	current trends and innovations in the management and use of space
	K12	the space use objectives of the organisation
	K13	the importance of linking space management objectives to organisational resource planning, and portfolio management

policy and decision-making

of buildings

design

how space management data can be used to inform and influence

how space use impacts on the environmental and energy management

the importance of promoting space efficiency in building and facility

K14

K15

K16

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- K17 the importance of space utilisation and planning in disaster recovery and contingency management
- K18 the regulatory and legislative requirements for space use relevant to the organisation's primary activities

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