

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

The Council recognises it has a vital role in furthering sustainable development, through its procurement of buildings, goods, works and services. Procurement decisions have a major socio-economic and environmental implication, both locally and globally, now and for future generations. The Council will therefore strive to:

People, Education and Awareness

- Educate, train and encourage internal purchasers to review their consumption of goods/services, reduce usage and adopt more environmentally friendly alternative products
- Communicate the sustainable procurement policy to all staff, suppliers and stakeholders

Policy, Strategy & Communications

- Consider the costs and benefits of environmentally preferable goods/services as alternatives
- Investigate the impact of the Council's expenditure on goods and services to identify potential environmental impacts
- Investigate opportunities for the recycling and re-use of materials where appropriate
- Assess the environmental and corporate risks to the organisation with a commitment to continually improving sustainable performance related to the supply chain
- Work in partnership with other organisations, such as YPO and Pro5 to improve sustainable procurement

Procurement Process

- Promote best practice for sustainable procurement
- Ensure that where appropriate, suppliers' environmental credentials are, as far as legally practicable, considered in the supplier evaluation process and that environmental criteria are used in the award of contracts
- Ensure that consideration is given to inclusion, within all specifications, of a facility for suppliers to submit offers for environmentally friendly alternatives
- Specify, wherever possible and practicable, the use of environmentally friendly goods

Engaging Suppliers

- Educate our suppliers regarding the Council's environmental and sustainability objectives
- Encourage and persuade suppliers to adopt environmentally friendly processes and supply environmentally friendly goods/services
- Address barriers to entry in order that Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and local suppliers are encouraged to bid for the Council's business.
- Work with key suppliers to make changes and thereby extend sustainability improvements throughout the supply chain

Measurements and Results

- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation
- Meet the targets as set out by the Sustainable Procurement Task Force in the National Action Plan.

The Council recognises that there are some important environmental targets set within the 2025 Environment Vision, Environment Policy, Environmental Purchasing Policy, Local Area Agreement and the Council's forthcoming ambitions. This sustainable procurement policy has a role in helping to meet these objectives.



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