

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

North and North East Lincolnshire Councils recognise that they have a vital role in furthering sustainable development, through their procurement activities. Procurement decisions have a major socio-economic and environmental implication, both locally and globally, now and for future generations. The councils will therefore strive to:

People, Education and Awareness

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

Policy, Strategy & Communications

- Consider the whole life 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 and available
- Assess the environmental and corporate risks to the organisation with a commitment to continually improving sustainable performance related to the supply chain in support of ISO140001 accreditation
- Utilise the Procurement Alliance North and North East Lincolnshire to improve sustainable procurement performance across both councils.
- Source ethically produced goods and services such as the Fair Trade mark in line with council policy

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 products and services where value for money can be demonstrated on whole life cost grounds. Specification options will include:
 - low carbon or wholly renewable energy sources
 - Carbon Trust's Enhanced Technology List
 - BREAM Green Guide "A" rated products
 - DEFRA "Quick Win" specifications

- As part of this commitment the council will initially adopt council-wide (ex. Schools) DEFRA specifications for: A4 and A3 Copier Paper, Personal Computers, Laptops, Monitors and Multi Functional Devices.
- Ensure key suppliers are required to provide CO2 information and assist the council in reducing its carbon impact

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 Flexible Framework Level 2 by 31st March 2010
- Meet Flexible Framework Level 3 by 31st March 2011

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