

Sustainable Procurement Policy

1.1.1 Overall Aim

The company is committed to ensuring the goods and services it purchases:

- are manufactured, delivered, used and disposed of in an environmentally and socially responsible manner and
- deliver long term value for money for the company and our client sector as a whole

We will update our corporate objectives to include sustainability and consult with key stakeholders to develop a Sustainable Development Strategy.

1.2 Key Sustainability Objectives

Buying more sustainably offers potential whole life cost savings, supports our commitment. The key objectives addressed by this policy are:

- Reducing fossil fuel usage to minimise climate change
- Reducing usage of hazardous materials
- Reducing waste
- Improving public health and quality of life
- Increasing levels of employment, skills and equality
- Protecting biodiversity
- Complying with current and anticipating future legislation

The company will define measures relating to each of these objectives.

1.3 Scope

This policy applies to all purchasing activities within the company.

1.4 Key Policy Principles

1.4.1 Whole Life Costing

Where relevant, we will evaluate all costing on the basis of long term value for money, using whole life costing to assess:

- Purchase, installation, transportation and commissioning costs
- Operating costs, including labour, maintenance, re-processing, energy, water and consumables usage
- Management costs, including staff training, insurance, health and safety and environmental costs
- Disposal costs

1.4.2 Innovation & Development

Sustainability is a key aspect of our commitment to innovation.

We will work with suppliers to explore service-based contracts for products, to reduce their whole life costs and environmental impacts.