

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY GUIDELINES ON BEST PRACTICE

As a large consumer of goods and services Staffordshire University recognises it has a key role to play in the promotion of sustainable development through its purchasing decisions. In line with the Environment and Sustainability Policy, Procurement will seek to:

- comply with the requirements of E.U. Directive 2004/18/EC and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015;
- reduce our consumption of material, promoting re-use (where possible), recycling and the purchase of goods with a high recycled content;
- dispose of materials in an environmentally sensitive manner;
- promote and manage energy efficiency and incorporate effective energy measures wherever possible;
- influence our major suppliers to minimise the negative impact of their operations on the environment.

In conjunction with the **North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium** and other Member Institutions, the University will endeavour to:-

- consider goods and services which can be manufactured, used and disposed of in an environmentally aware way;
- give preference, where items are of a similar standard and cost, to those that are manufactured with a high recycled content;
- wherever possible, specify items that can be recycled or reused;
- consider the energy consumed in manufacture and then in operating equipment when in use;
- consider whole life costs when assessing suppliers proposals;
- work with suppliers whose environmental policy reflects ISO14001 or equivalent standards and is documented, implemented and maintained.

The **benefits** of sustainable procurement are that it:

- Considers supply chains and investments, working towards long-term viability;
- Minimises damage to the environment and health while maximising social benefits in both production and consumption;
- Ensures long-term value for money by adopting whole-life cost analysis, leading to the provision of more durable goods and services;
- Encourages consideration of business practice relating to energy, waste, transport, biodiversity, water and pollution;
- Demonstrates a commitment to continual environmental improvement and corporate social responsibility;
- Reduces CO₂ and other emissions and the associated impact on the environment and human health;
- Reduces resources absorbed in energy, packaging, transport, fuel, water and waste;
- Enhances reputation and status in the local and wider community;
- Embeds a culture of re-use, repair, re-distribution and recycling;
- Ensures compliance with legislation and duty of care requirements.

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