

Sustainable Procurement Policy Statement

Aim of the Policy

The aims of the policy statement are to:

- Ensure that employees, students, contractors and suppliers are aware of the university's commitment to social, ethical, environmental and economic sustainability.
- Reaffirm the university's commitment to responsible management of its procurement process.
- Ensure delivery of value for money, whilst actively purchasing environmental and socially responsible products, services and buildings.

Key Objectives

The key objectives below are meant to encourage:

- Procurement decisions based on a balance between economic, social and environmental factors.
- Small and Medium Sized Enterprises, Ethnic Minority Businesses, Social Enterprises and local suppliers to bid for appropriate work.
- Suppliers to develop pro-active corporate social responsibility approaches (CSR).
- Purchase of products with recognised labelling schemes such as FSC, MSC or EU Eco label where appropriate.
- Staff to review the consumption of goods and materials and adopt best practice (Reduce, Re-use & Recycle) in their buying decisions to help minimise environmental impacts.
- The purchase of goods with minimal packaging or packaging made from recycled or recyclable materials.
- The purchase of products that can be recycled or disposed of with minimal environmental damage.
- Suppliers to achieve environmental credentials such as environmental management systems for ISO 14001 OR EMAS.
- Evaluation of the environmental performance of suppliers by ensuring that sustainability criteria is part of the evaluation processes before contracts are awarded.