



Sustainable Procurement Policy

"Sustainable procurement is a process whereby organisations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organisation, but also to society and the economy, while minimising damage to the environment."

(As quoted by Procuring the Future, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 2006)

Statement of Intent

Telford and Wrekin Council acknowledges that it has a responsibility in progressing sustainable development through the purchasing of buildings, goods and services in accordance with Environmental, Economic, Social Values whilst respecting our Environmental Policy, Climate Change Strategy and the Corporate Procurement Strategy.

The Council will strive to:

People, Education and Awareness:

- Promote the implementation of this policy and ensure employees in procurement and other key impacting areas have access to appropriate continual training, in order to facilitate the principles of Sustainable Procurement.
- Communicate and report on this policy to suppliers, employees, Members and concerned parties as necessary.
- Identify a key Sustainable Procurement Champion.

Policy, Strategy and Communications:

- Consider whole life costing of quotations and in the tendering of goods and services.
- Review and update the policy to reflect on any key national policy developments.

Procurement Process:

- Incorporate sustainability assessment criteria into the procurement strategy and procurement processes were applicable.
- Promote Best Practice for Sustainable Procurement.
- Ensure that suppliers with corporate social responsibility and ethical values are utilised and promote continual improvement.
- Implement measures to manage high risk sustainable impact areas.

Engaging Suppliers:

- Engage with and encourage Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and local suppliers to tender for goods/services.
- Encourage contractors/suppliers towards more innovative solutions in sustainable goods/services and promote its extension throughout the supply chain.

Measurements and Results:

- Improve our sustainability purchasing performance through benchmarking, setting and reviewing annual targets.

Chief Executive

Mr Victor Brownlees

Lead Member

Mr Andrew Eade