

Green Purchasing Policy



Part of the Procurement Toolkit

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Breckland Council will endeavour to purchase goods/services that are as green/sustainable as possible as long as the functionality of the goods/services are not compromised and it is within existing budgets.

There are a number of aims:-

- Purchase goods and services that reflect best practice specifications or standards for environmental or social sustainability
- Consider the whole-life cost of products when selecting a supplier, including environmental impact assessments
- Balance the increased capital cost where that is offset over time by reduced operational costs
- Work to build green capacity of partner organisations, the business sector, contractors and other such agencies through promoting environmental management practices
- Balance the need to use the least environmentally damaging products and materials against the need to achieve value for money
- Encourage the potential of the business community to employ local labour and maintain employment levels where appropriate
- Promote new business opportunities and build new market places for local labour
- Assist local businesses and their potential to enable them to submit competitive tenders for local authority business
- Promote equalities in the procurement of goods, works and services
- Offer equal opportunities in contract selection to businesses owned by members of the business community

This links to The Corporate Procurement Strategy which states that *“Breckland will improve efficiency and quality by harnessing competition and will use procurement to help deliver it’s corporate objectives including the economic, social and environmental objectives set out in the community plan.”*

This also supports the aims of **The Clean and Green Group** whose objectives are:

- To take proactive responsibility for the effects our organisation's activities have on the environment.
- Identify the most important impacts our organisation has or could have on the environment and from them develop clear environmental objectives.
- Help those involved at all levels within our organisations to learn more about the environment and the part they can play in making our organisation more environmentally friendly
- Encourage those who supply our organisation with goods and services to be as environmentally friendly as possible.
- Manage in the most eco-friendly ways possible, the damage or benefits to the environment that could come from any changes to our present activities