

Appendix C

Sustainable Procurement Policy

The Council buys a wide range of goods and services to support its day to day activities. These will have a range of impacts on the environment, economy and people. The impact will depend on how products are made, distributed, used and disposed of, and how contracted services are designed and delivered.

We recognise the significant contribution procurement activities can have in reducing these impacts and maximising the opportunities for sustainable development.

The objectives of this Policy are to increase the Council's contribution to sustainable development through the Procurement of Goods and services by:

- Eliminating waste.
- Maximising re-use and recycling.
- Using goods and services which are least harmful to the environment
- Promoting and achieving best practice with respect to purchasing and sustainable development
- Improving accessibility to services and green products for all
- Maximising opportunities for learning and training and promotion of sustainable development
- accounting for the impacts and benefits of products and services through their whole life

To ensure the achievement of the above we will:

- Produce an annual action plan to show the actions we will take to achieve our objectives, and report on progress
- Implement the policy and action plan as actively as we can, consistent with the effective management of the Council's resources
- Ensure all staff are aware of their roles in implementing this policy
- Ensure others are made aware of our successes and encouraged to do the same

This policy forms a central part of the Councils overall Procurement Strategy