# Sustainable Procurement Priorities

Introduction

*“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, whilst minimising damage to the environment”.*

Sustainable Procurement Task Force Definition (2006; UK Government)

NWUPC Ltd is a not for profit organisation limited by member guarantee working predominately in the North West region on behalf of Higher Education Institutions but with a commodity specific national reach. We have 22 full members who “own” NWUPC as well as additional associate and affiliate members who utilise our services but do not have voting rights.

The aim of NWUPC Ltd is to provide a structure for higher education institutions mutually to secure value for money in matters relating to the purchasing of goods and services.

From a robust analysis of our key members and commodity impacts we have identified the following list of priorities for Sustainable Procurement.

## Priorities

* Sustainable Procurement
* Carbon Emissions
* Water Use
* Community
* Reduce Waste
* Recycle
* Carbon Management
* Communication
* Biodiversity
* Energy Use
* Legal Requirements
* Awareness Raising
* Travel and Transport
* Pollution
* SMEs

## Endorsement

The Sustainable Procurement Priorites and the Commitment by NWUPC Ltd is led by the Sustainable Procurement Champion, Helen Dodd-Williams, Senior Category Manager and supported by the NWUPC Sustainable Procurement Group. It will be recognised by the Category Managers who will consider all relevant Sustainability Priorities in their Frameworks and ensure they are addressed. The work of the Champion is fully endorsed and supported by the Managing Director and NWUPC’s Board of Directors.

## Communication

The Sustainable Procurement Priorities are publically available on the NWUPC Ltd’s website and are communicated via the NWUPC SPG, the e-newsletter and the Annual Sustainability Report.

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