



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 24 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 procurement 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
- Eradication of Modern Slavery from Supply Chains
- 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 Priorities of NWUPC Ltd are led by the Head of Strategic Procurement. They are fully embedded within all contracting operations and will be considered by the Category Managers who will include all relevant Sustainability Commitments in their Frameworks and ensure they meet the objectives set.

Communication

The Sustainable Procurement Priorities are publicly available on the NWUPC Ltd's website and are communicated via the e-newsletter. NWUPC is an active member of the UKUPC Responsible Procurement Network which works to drive collaborative sustainability practices throughout the consortia. NWUPC also supports the work of the HEPA National Responsible Procurement Group. NWUPC also produces a voluntary Modern Slavery Statement which is available on the NWUPC Ltd website.