



SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Introduction

This policy embodies the University's [vision and values](#), and is aligned with:

- the University strategic objectives articulated in [Vision 2021](#)
- the work of the [Newcastle Institute for Sustainability](#), under the banner of Enough, For All, Forever.
- the University Environmental Sustainability Policy
- the University Energy Policy
- the University Fairtrade Policy
- the University Value for Money Policy

Guidance on the Sustainable Purchasing Policy is included in the University's ISO14001 documentation.

Sustainable procurement can be defined as the process of acquiring goods and services that:

- Meet users' needs
- Deliver long term value for money
- Maximise social and economic benefits
- Minimise damage to the environment and health

(Forum for the Future - Buying a Better World, 2007)

Scope

Applicable to all works, goods and services purchased for the University.

Objectives

1. Comply with the UK Public Contracts Regulations, the University's Financial Regulations, external funding body's requirements, and any relevant legislation, directives and regulations.
2. Approach sustainable procurement as a process of continuous improvement, and embed sustainable procurement within the University's purchasing procedures, practices, and policies.
3. Realise positive sustainability impacts.
4. Manage negative sustainability impacts.

Responsibility

The University's Head of Procurement is responsible for this policy and delivery of the objectives.