

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Introduction

This policy is aligned with the University's:

- [Vision and Strategy](#)
- Climate Action Plan
- Environmental Sustainability Policy
- Energy Policy
- Fairtrade Policy
- Value for Money Policy

Guidance on sustainable purchasing is included in the University's ISO14001 documentation, and on Procurement Services web pages.

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.