



Sustainable Procurement Policy

Places for People has identified that it has a leading role to play in terms of sustainable development and neighbourhood management. We recognise that our procurement decisions for goods, services and works have a major social, economic and environmental impact, both locally and globally.

Places for People will therefore strive to:

Policy and Strategy

- Challenge the need for consumption of goods and services as a precursor to use and promote the use of recycling and reuse of materials wherever possible;
- Consider costs/benefits of environmentally preferable goods and services as alternatives, where possible taking the total cost ownership (including environmental factors) into account in the procurement decision making process;
- Gather environmental management data on goods and services including CO2 emissions;
- Determine the environmental and corporate risks to the organisation in developing a sustainable supply chain whilst being committed to working with our supplier base;
- Identify commodities and suppliers that are strategic to Places for People's sustainable procurement programme;
- Work with suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of goods and services supplied to Places for People.

Raise Awareness

- Communicate the sustainable procurement policy internally and externally to our stakeholders, including staff, customers and suppliers;
- Encourage staff to actively review the consumption of goods and services and where possible reduce usage through the adoption of more environmentally friendly alternatives.

Procurement Process

- Promote sustainable procurement across the entire supplier base;
- Validate all contracted suppliers' environmental credentials appropriate to the marketplace;

- Factor environmental and sustainable supply options into the procurement decision making process when awarding contracts and supply agreements;
- Where possible and practical, specify the use of environmentally friendly goods and sustainable supply chains;
- Ensure our procurement processes do not create barriers to entry to BME and SME businesses.

Supplier Engagement Strategy

- Concentrating initially on strategic suppliers, actively promote through a series of workshops best practice for sustainable procurement and extend this programme when practical to non-strategic suppliers;
- Raise awareness of suppliers through Pre-Qualification Questionnaires, Tendering Processes and our website in relation to Places for People's commitment to sustainable procurement.

Compliance

- Ensure that Places for People procurement policy at all times complies with its legal and regulatory requirement in relation to Health and Safety, Equality and Diversity and European Union Procurement.