

The University recognises its responsibility to carry out its purchasing activities in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. The University will therefore:

1. Comply with all relevant national and international environmental legislation.
2. Investigate the impact of the University's spending in order to identify and minimise environmental impacts.
3. Work with suppliers to develop environmentally friendly processes and ensure the supply of sustainable products.
4. Work with our suppliers to educate them concerning the University's sustainability aims and objectives.
5. Work with key suppliers to bring about changes and thereby spread sustainability improvements throughout the supply chain.
6. Ensure that suppliers' environmental credentials are, as far as legally practicable, considered in the supplier appraisal process.
7. Ensure that environmental criteria are properly considered in the award of contracts.
8. Encourage internal purchasers to review their consumption of goods and materials, in order to reduce usage and adopt more sustainable products.
9. Specify, wherever possible and reasonably practicable, the use of more sustainable products.
10. Ensure that an opportunity is given for the inclusion, within all specifications, of a facility for suppliers to submit offers for more sustainable alternatives.
11. Ensure that appropriate consideration is given to the costs and benefits of more sustainable alternatives.
12. Identify partners for environmental benchmarking, and adopt best practice wherever possible.
13. Address barriers to entry so that SMEs and local suppliers are able to bid for appropriate work.
14. Encourage SME engagement within larger contracted University suppliers.
15. Utilise market-leading benchmarking tools and frameworks to regularly monitor and improve our sustainable procurement processes.



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