



BRAUNSTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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Sustainable Procurement Objectives

No occasion should be missed to guide procurement expenditures towards efficient low-carbon choices in products, services and public works. Supporting sustainable supplies and suppliers for the long term benefit both the Council and the Community.

However, implementation of sustainable procurement objectives in the short to medium term may increase the overall cost of procurement and implementation could be difficult where there is limited choice.

Aims

- (a) Firstly, to reduce dependence on resources; then to source low carbon and environmentally sustainable resources; and
- (b) prioritise the products, services and works to be procured, based on the medium and long term impact of reducing the Council's carbon footprint and protecting the environment.

Objectives

The Council will prioritise suppliers that:

- (a) reduce energy use and increase energy efficiency;
- (b) reduce dependence on chemicals;
- (c) reduce dependence on carbon technology;
- (d) both minimise and reuse waste and maximise recycling;
- (e) have obtained either government or independent industry accreditation and recognition for sustainable practices;
- (f) source their supplies "locally" where possible;
- (g) source materials, which are durable and long lasting, made from sustainable sources and compliments the natural environment; and
- (h) use "fairly" traded products.

For goods, services and works with a contract value over £5,000, the Council will require the submission of an environmental statement when inviting tenders in order to assess the overall impact on the environment in terms of carbon and waste.

Additionally suppliers may be excluded from tender exercises for professional misconduct relating to environmental and social legislation or for non-compliance with environmental or social requirements in previous contracts.