

Example of a procurement activity which has incorporated both social and environmental sustainability objectives.

Freedom – a social enterprise recently awarded the Leisure Management Contract (covering sites such as Prince Regent, King Alfred and Stanley Deason)

1. Sussex Based charitable Trust
2. VAT Exemptions on sporting activities and relief from business rates
3. Policy to the fair trade organisations
4. Employ local staff and sourcing local goods
5. Operate in partnership with the Carbon Trust
6. ISO14001 at most centres
7. Included within the core bid is an initial provision of £125,000 across the sites to invest in plant and building issues in order to drive reduced energy usage in line with the Council's policies on sustainability. Specific projects will be identified during the contract start up process and could include: voltage optimisation, CHP, pool covers, PIRs and other energy saving measures. The investment will help deliver the year on year reductions in energy usage in the bid submitted which is anticipated to be in the region of 15% over the contract period. Further investment will be provided by Freedom if identified in their site environmental surveys and deemed viable within the contract period.
8. Included in Freedom's investment projections is a plan to spend approximately £30,000 to offer a limited café area adjacent to the new fitness suite and reception offering hot and cold drinks and a range of pre-packed snacks at the King Alfred Leisure Centre. This will involve a small seating area with the possibility of some seating in the corridor leading to the sports hall area.

The range of products available will be compatible with the aspiration towards health and well-being, offering only skimmed and semi skimmed milk, freshly made fruit smoothies and 25% of snacks being savoury products. Freedom's purchasing policy seeks to ensure that café products are sourced locally where possible, which is consistent with our environmental policies where "Food Miles" is a relevant consideration. The size of the Freedom organisation in Sussex means that they can achieve economies of scale whilst purchasing from local suppliers and are progressively introducing a fair trade range/Rain Forest Alliance throughout all their sites.

9.4 Policy Statement for Brighton & Hove City Council Leisure Centres

We are happy to commit to operating the Facilities in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner, to reduce energy consumption, minimise chemical usage, recycle appropriate non-hazardous wastes and contribute to the Council's Environmental Strategy Objectives.

In order to achieve this we will take the following actions:

Waste Management

We will:

- Seek to **reduce** all types of waste – helping to ease consumption and lower costs of waste disposal.
- Seek to **re-use** resources wherever possible.
- Seek to **re-cycle** items wherever possible through the sorting and management of centre waste.
- Invest in ICT to enable reduction in paperwork.
- Locate Paper, Can and Bottle recycle points in appropriate leisure centre locations.
- Maintain tight monitoring and control over use of pool and cleaning chemicals and minimise their use wherever possible.
- Endorse the purchase of recycled products including printer cartridges and paper products.

- Not use any packaging which contains chlorofluorocarbons.

Utilities monitoring and consumption control

We will:

- Purchase Gas, Electricity and Water through an external monitoring and purchasing service, under an Energy Management Agreement EMA
- Actively work towards lower consumption rates at our centres through the good house keeping measures
- Seek to reduce gas, water and electricity consumption wherever possible whilst maintaining service standards
- We will establish service and maintenance contracts for all plant and related equipment to ensure maximum efficiency of operation through regular servicing.

Transport

We will:

- Investigate the provision of bike racks at all centres, with high level security
- Produce a Green transport plan for staff and users

Our bid has assumed a reduction in energy usage of 15 % over the contract period from current levels through a combination of investment and housekeeping improvements.

As part of our bid we have committed to achieving year on year reductions of utility usage. All of our sites/contracts have achieved improvements in usage and DEC scores over the past three years.