

## **SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY**

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Brighton & Hove City Council recognises that its operations and service delivery have effects on the environment at a local and global level. This local authority is committed to reducing those effects by managing its own environmental impacts, encouraging and supporting others to do the same, and continuously improving the environment for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors to Brighton & Hove.

The Council will embed the principles of sustainability throughout its procurement activities to ensure that only value for money products and services are selected. In all cases a balanced consideration of the social, ethical, environmental and economic impacts will be undertaken.

We recognise our suppliers as key to delivering the aims of this policy. As such we will monitor and measure their performance, encourage them to conduct their operations in line with the Council's commitments and embrace continuous improvement.

In order to deliver on this commitment Brighton & Hove City Council will;

- Ensure that the organisation as a whole takes responsibility for what it procures.
- Ensure that our operations, service delivery and the products we buy actively work towards achieving our Carbon Reduction Commitment of 4% annually.
- Reduce the amount of waste created by encouraging reuse and recycling, the use of recycled products and products derived from reclaimed materials.
- Develop more sustainable transport within the City, by ensuring that the vehicles we buy and use in the course of delivering our services have the minimal impact on the environment, consider their emissions, the use of alternative fuels and the whole life cost of the vehicle, as a minimum.
- Only buy sustainable and efficient products and materials, selecting those which have a minimal effect on the environment over their whole life.
- Buy goods from fair, ethical and sustainable sources when local products are not available, where appropriate.
- Ensure that water is used more efficiently in the production and use of the products we buy, the services we deliver and in our buildings and facilities.
- Develop a supply chain that maximises opportunities for community benefit and economic gain and reduces inequality and financial exclusion within the city.

To ensure this policy is implemented effectively we will;

- Monitor our performance against this policy in our ability to meet the outcomes detailed in the Corporate Procurement Strategy.

