

HEFCW Sustainable Procurement Policy

Sustainable procurement is about embedding the principles of sustainable development into spending and investment decisions. Efficiency has always been an essential feature of public spending, but better spending decisions that take into account environmental and social as well as economic and qualitative considerations can deliver real value for money.

The purpose of the HEFCW Sustainable Procurement Policy is to set out the principles, policies and procedures on which sustainable procurement activity within HEFCW will be based.

The Sustainable Procurement Policy serves to prompt staff involved in the procurement of goods and services and works, to use sustainability as a factor in their purchasing decisions.

The HEFCW's Procurement section will strive to:

Adopt the Assembly's 'Opening Doors' the Charter for SME Friendly Procurement;

Meet Welsh Assembly Government targets on sustainable procurement;

Use the Assembly's Sustainable Procurement Assessment Framework (SPAF) to implement a sustainable procurement action plan, review and monitor each year and report progress to the Management Board and Welsh Assembly Government;

Use the Assembly's Sustainable Risk Assessment templates on procurements above £25K inc.vat, to help build sustainable criteria into tender specifications;

As part of the investigation and use of collaborative contracts ensure that sustainability factors are built into the procurement process and suppliers are continually developed in this area;

Evaluate tenders on a whole life cost basis and award the contract to the supplier who submits the most economically advantageous tender.

Provide training for staff on sustainable procurement and give them the tools to enable sustainable procurement to be delivered.

This policy will be reviewed on annual basis and updated accordingly