

Environmental Purchasing Policy

The aim of the Environmental Purchasing Policy is to prompt staff involved in the procurement of goods and services to use environmental responsibilities as a factor in their purchasing decisions. In particular for them to:

- Only buy goods and services that are truly necessary
- Encourage upgrade, re-use, repair and recycling of products
- Consider goods and services which can be manufactured, used and disposed of in an environmentally responsible way
- Avoid the purchase of hazardous chemicals where a less damaging suitable alternative is available
- Give preference to items that can be recycled or reused
- Consider the energy usage/cost of operating equipment prior to purchase
- Consider 'whole life' costs and impacts when assessing equipment for purchase
- Favour suppliers that are committed to environmental improvement
- Ensure our suppliers & contractors are aware of, and understand our corporate environmental policies

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