



**North Eastern University Purchasing Consortium
&
Sustainable Procurement Centre of Excellence for Higher Education (SPCE)**

Sustainable Procurement Policy

NEUPC and SPCE are committed to creating contracts and framework agreements that promote ethical and environmentally aware procurement activity for twenty three Higher and Further Education Institutes situated across the North East, Yorkshire and the Midlands.

The Sustainable Procurement Centre of Excellence for Higher Education has recently been created within NEUPC to make demonstrable changes to the way HEIs embed sustainable procurement into their standard procedures, practices and policies.

The centre will build capacity in sustainable procurement; develop capability in influencing supply chains; address process issues; develop measurement and monitoring tools and communicate a full understanding of CO₂ emissions, and other environmental impacts, in the specification, production, delivery, utilisation and disposal of goods and services, purchased by the HE Sector.

NEUPC & SPCE are committed to:

Raising awareness of sustainable criteria with all potential suppliers responding to tendering opportunities and ensuring that sustainability criteria are embedded into tender documents and awarded framework agreements, where legally appropriate.

Ensuring that preferred suppliers are made aware of the NEUPC & SPCE Sustainable Procurement Policy.

Encourage all preferred suppliers to adopt environmentally sensitive policies and procedures. Working with these suppliers, and in turn the whole supply chain, to encourage improvements in their environmental credentials and performance.

Working with preferred suppliers to ensure the best use of natural resources and help develop and promote new sustainable products and services.

Throughout the contract management processes encourage and embed current and new sustainable techniques with our preferred suppliers.

Define key areas and then monitor and measure supplier sustainable performance in these areas.

Helping and supporting NEUPC members with sustainability issues, through training and SPCE sustainable procurement activities and guidance.

Continued compliance with EU legislation.

Exploring opportunities for reuse and recycling of materials as appropriate, ensuring that NEUPC and SPCE help drive resource efficiency throughout Members' operations.

Communicating and promoting this policy to our staff and members; encouraging them to carry out their activities in a sustainable manner.