

Sustainable Procurement Policy Statement

Statement of Intent

Shield recognises its responsibility to carry out its procurement activities in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. In accordance with our Environmental Policy we will endeavour to incorporate environmental and social considerations into our product and service selection process. We recognise that it is our responsibility to encourage our suppliers and contractors to minimise negative environmental and social effects associated with the products and services they provide.

Our Aim:

- To encourage all internal purchasers to review their consumption of goods and services in order to reduce usage where possible.
- To give preference to products and services that can be manufactured, used, and disposed of in an environmentally and socially responsible way.
- To ensure that sustainability criteria are included in specifications to suppliers.
- To consider whole life costs when assessing product suitability.
- To enhance employee awareness of relevant environmental and social effects of purchases through appropriate training exercises.
- To provide guidance and relevant product information to staff members to allow them to select sustainable products and services.
- To work with existing and potential suppliers to investigate and introduce environmentally friendly processes and products.
- To ensure that suppliers' environmental credentials are considered in the Supplier Appraisal process.
- To ensure non-discrimination against local and smaller suppliers.

Our Undertaking:

- To develop clear objectives to minimise the environmental and social effects associated with the products and services we purchase.
- To identify the mechanisms that we intend to use to incorporate environmental and social factors into our procurement process.
- To develop a process to measure our progress.

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- To identify and implement changes to the procurement process and specifications to ensure non-discrimination against local and smaller suppliers.

Signed:



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Malcolm Rose, Chief Executive Officer - On behalf of Shield Service Group Ltd