

# NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

## SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Northumbria Police acknowledges that it has an important role in promoting sustainable development through its procurement of buildings, goods, services and works. Procurement decisions have a major socio-economic and environmental implication, both locally and globally, now and for future generations. Northumbria Police will therefore strive to:

### Education and Awareness

- Educate, train and encourage internal purchasers to review their consumption of goods/services, reduce usage and adopt more environmentally friendly alternative products.
- Encourage the recycling and re-use of materials.
- Communicate the sustainable procurement policy to all staff, suppliers and stakeholders.

### The Procurement Process

- Promote best practice for sustainable procurement.
- Ensure that where appropriate, suppliers' environmental credentials are, as far as legally practicable, considered in the supplier evaluation process and that environmental criteria are used in the award of contracts.
- Ensure that consideration is given to inclusion, within all specifications, of a facility for suppliers to submit offers for environmentally friendly alternatives.
- Specify, wherever possible and practicable, the use of environmentally friendly products.
- Make purchasing decisions on the basis of whole life time costs and value for money and not the lowest price.
- Incorporate equality and diversity considerations into the procurement process.

### Engaging Suppliers and Partners

- Educate our suppliers regarding our environmental and sustainability objectives.
- Encourage and persuade suppliers to adopt environmentally friendly processes and supply environmentally friendly goods/services.
- Address barriers to entry in order that small and medium sized enterprises, black and minority owned enterprises and local suppliers are encouraged to bid for Police Authority business.
- Work with key suppliers to make changes and thereby extend sustainability improvements throughout the supply chain.
- Work in partnership with other organisations to improve sustainable procurement.

### Measurements and Results

- Comply with all relevant environmental, health and safety, diversity, disability and employment legislation.
- Implement the Sustainable Procurement Task Force's Flexible Framework.

