



SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

Babergh District Council recognises its responsibility to carry out all its procurement activities in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. In accordance with our Procurement Strategy and Framework 2008-2011 we will strive to incorporate environmental, economic and Social considerations into our product and service selection process. We will also encourage our suppliers and contractors to minimise negative environmental, economic and social effects associated with the products and services they provide.

We will aim to:-

- Encourage all internal officers to review their consumption of goods and services in order to reduce usage where possible
- Give preference to products and services that can be manufactured used and disposed of in an environmentally and socially responsible way.
- Ensure that sustainability criteria are included in all pre-qualification questionnaires and tender specifications.
- Consider whole life costs when assessing product suitability.
- Work with suppliers/contractors to reduce environmental and social impacts by joint working.
- Procuring equipment that is energy efficient and taking into account whole life costs. Giving preference to products that carry the Eco-label www.eco-label.com where ever possible.
- Minimise use of virgin and non-renewable materials.
- Maximise use of post-consumer materials.
- Promote equalities in procurement and acknowledge the value of a diverse and competitive supply market and offer equal opportunities to all members of the business community and ensure that our suppliers comply and promote equal opportunities to its employees.
- Encourage the use of the local business community that employs local labour and adhere to the Government's Small Business Friendly Concordat.