

The Lambeth Sustainable Procurement Charter

Procurement at Lambeth is committed to the achievement of Value for Money, standards of excellence and Best Practice in the procurement of supplies, services and works which help deliver the Council's key corporate objectives. We believe in procurement practices that balance the needs of the economy, the environment and society. We are committed to identifying and reducing, on a cost-effective basis, the sustainable risk associated with the goods and services we buy. Our procurement activity will reflect Best Practice in sustainability practice and we will implement a programme of measures designed to improve our sustainable procurement capability together with identifying and addressing areas of high risk and impact.

This charter confirms our aims and goals in sustainable procurement. We will:

1. Comply with all relevant environmental and sustainability laws and regulations
2. Identify and promote a Lambeth Sustainable Procurement champion who will take the lead on sustainable procurement issues at Lambeth
3. Develop and deliver internal and source external sustainable procurement training for the Lambeth procurement staff
4. Include sustainable procurement knowledge in our procurement staff's personal development and in the recruitment and appraisal process
5. Raise awareness of sustainable procurement across the Council through specific training, information and publicity
6. Publicise our achievements in sustainable procurement to our external partners
7. Work toward agreed sustainability objectives at Lambeth and include these in our training material, our Procurement Strategy and in our sustainable procurement communication and policy statements
8. Link our sustainable procurement strategy with other, relevant organisational strategies and management systems
9. Allow our sustainable procurement strategy and policy documents to be internally and externally scrutinised
10. Support, promote and conduct regular strategic expenditure analysis
11. Consider sustainable procurement and all aspects of Responsible Procurement in our procurement planning processes, our tender exercises and in contract management
12. Identify and manage the sustainability risks in our supply chain through the procurement process and through effective and efficient contract management
13. Establish measures for improving sustainability with all Lambeth suppliers
14. Ensure that our suppliers and contractors are encouraged to reduce the sustainable impact of the goods and services they provide
15. Engage with our suppliers on a regular basis, both formally and informally, on all contract issues including sustainable procurement
16. Use the Flexible Framework to measure our sustainable procurement performance
17. Compare Lambeth's performance in sustainable procurement with other local authorities and other relevant public bodies and share Best Practice wherever possible
18. Identify our top 5 spend categories and assess the environmental impacts of these categories with a goal to reducing environmental impacts
19. Retain chain of custody certification for FSC and PEFC and update information as required