

Oxford Brookes Sustainable and Ethical Procurement Strategy

VISION:

To be a leading organisation in the higher education community for sustainable and ethical procurement, in line with our Social Responsibility Framework, environmental and sustainability goals.

KEY DRIVERS:

1. Oxford Brookes University ethos and vision
2. Capital funding prerequisite
3. Enhancing brand and reputation
4. Legislative, regulatory and stakeholder compliance
5. Effective risk management
6. Innovation creation
7. Lower whole life costs
8. Reduction of the negative effects of globalisation
9. Transparency and openness

OBJECTIVES:

- Comply with and surpass all relevant legislation, regulatory & stakeholder requirements.
- Minimise environmental impact whilst maximising the economic and social benefits of the University's procurement by embedding and promoting relevant sustainability and ethical criteria and practices across the marketplace.
- Engage current and potential suppliers and encourage improvements and best practice in sustainability and ethical process and procedures along the supply chain.
- Measure the progress of sustainable and ethical procurement with a view to continuous improvement.
- Actively work collaboratively with other organisations and research best practice.
- Develop and effectively communicate a strong, positive and clearly understandable policy and strategy.
- Encourage sustainable and ethical procurement awareness and skills amongst relevant stakeholders.
- Engage internal and external stakeholders by highlighting good practice and sharing case studies.

This strategy will be reviewed annually by the Environmental Sustainability Team and signed off by the Vice Chancellor Group.

VCG sign off

Signature



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