

Sustainable Procurement Policy

Overall Aim

Barons is committed to ensuring the goods and services it purchases;

- Are manufactured, delivered and used and disposed of in an environmentally and socially responsible manner and
- Deliver long term value for money for Barons Voice & Data Limited and its Clients.

We will update our corporate objectives to include sustainability and consult with key personel to develop a Suitable Development Strategy.

Key Sustainability Objectives

Buying more sustainably offers potential cost savings, supports our commitment to Good Corporate Citizenship, safeguard our reputation as a responsible Principle Contractor and protects the health of staff, patients and public at large.

The key objectives addressed by this policy are;

- Reducing fossil fuel usage to minimize climate change
- Reducing usage of hazardous materials
- Reducing waste
- Improving public health and quality of life
- Increasing levels of employment, skills and equality
- Ensuring fair pay and working conditions throughout our Supply Chain
- Protecting biodiversity
- Complying with current and anticipation future legislation

Barons Voice & Data Limited will define measures relating to each of these objectives.

Scope

This policy applies to all purchasing activities within Barons Voice & Data Limited.

Spend Analysis and Prioritisation

To support our spend analysis and work planning, we will establish a process to assess the following criteria at sub-category level.

- Level of spend
- Level of contract renewal activity
- Key suppliers by type, location and preference
- Level of risk against each sustainability objective
- Scope for improvement
- Level of influence

This will be used to prioritise sub-categories for sustainability improvement activities.

Sustainability Review

At tender process, Logan Construction will identify actions to reduce impacts through supplier pre-qualification, specifications, evaluation criteria, supplier development and continuous improvement.

Whole Life Costing

Barons Voice & Data will evaluate all tenders on the basis of long term value for money using whole life costing to assess.

- Purchase, installation, transportation and commission costs
- Operating costs, including labour, maintenance, re-processing, energy, water and consumables usage.
- Management costs, including staff training, insurance, health and safety and environmental costs.
- Disposal costs.

This approach should be used for all projects, waste contracts and where comparing consumables against reusable alternatives. For key cost categories, such as energy, price escalation indices will be used to reflect cost increases over time.

We will review the feasibility of expanding this approach to include costs and benefits affecting other public bodies and external social and environment costs.

Innovation and Supplier Development

Sustainability is a key aspect of our commitment to innovation

We will prioritise key suppliers with the highest spend and sustainability impacts for targeted supplier development activities. These will give senior management support and focus on continuous improvement and tangible delivery of sustainability benefits through the supply chain.

We will work with these suppliers to explore service-based contracts for products. This will encourage suppliers to hold responsibility for the through life management of products, using gain share and incentives to reduce their whole life costs and environmental impacts.

We will encourage suppliers to propose innovations which improve the sustainability of their tender responses and reflect this in tender evaluation criteria. Suppliers will recognize Barons Voice & Data Limited commitment to sustainability and strive to offer innovative and cost effective sustainable solutions.