

**[To be inserted in to revised Corporate Procurement Strategy]**

**Sustainable Procurement Policy, Outcomes for 2011/12**

- Create and implement an action plan to adopt minimum buying standards for a range of product groups
- Set detailed baseline targets to monitor and increase the amount of these products we buy,
- Adopt a Sustainable Procurement Policy for Timber and Wood derived products.

**Sustainable Procurement Policy, Outcomes for 2012/13**

- Only procure energy from verifiable renewable sources,
- A reduction in the waste created through our operations and service delivery
- A reduction in the volume of paper we buy across the council, by 10%
- Ensure suppliers utilise reusable or recyclable packaging and where this is not possible reduce packaging and encourage supplier take back.
- Ensure all relevant contracts, where appropriate, implement plans to encourage the use of low carbon modes of transport, fuel efficient driving, and reducing the need to travel.
- Adopt minimum buying standards that support and give preference to products and suppliers which embrace sustainable farming methods, healthy choices and improved animal welfare.
- Continue our support for a Fair Trade City by increasing the amount of fairly traded products we buy.
- Ensure that the council and its suppliers support the ETI's Base Code, as a minimum.
- Adopt buying standards that support and give preference the most water efficient products in order to reduce water consumption
- Increase the local economy spend<sup>1</sup> to 55% by working more effectively with diverse suppliers<sup>2</sup>,
- Continue to remove the barriers for SME's and the Third Sector to ensure they are encouraged and able to bid for the Council's business,
- Deliver opportunities for long term employment, targeted training and development and apprenticeships
- Ensure that our suppliers advertise any sub contracting, employment and training opportunities locally.

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<sup>1</sup> Annual council spend with organisations within the BN postcode

<sup>2</sup> We define diverse suppliers as micro, small and medium sized enterprises, black, minority ethnic owned enterprises, those with majority ownership from a group protected by legislation (disabled, women, older people etc) and Third Sector organisations

