

Sustainability Charter

In alignment with the UK Government's Sustainable Development Strategy, sustainability continues to be one of the University's core values with an aim to embed environmental and social consciousness within our corporate and academic business operations.

Under the University's [Sustainable Procurement Policy & Strategy](#), we are committed to meeting the needs for goods and services in a way that achieves value for money on a through-life basis with minimal adverse impacts on the environment and society.

We are dedicated to building strong supplier relationships in order to deliver shared objectives and drive continuous sustainability improvements. We expect that our suppliers will also operate in accordance with our [Environmental Policy](#) by managing their social, economic and environmental impacts responsibly, and by supporting of the University's initiatives towards:

- conserving energy, water and other scarce or non-renewable resources
- Implementing the Waste Hierarchy of minimising waste generated, re-using and recycling waste, whilst maintaining a Zero to Landfill Policy on all University sites
- using refurbished and recycled products and materials
- ensuring products derived from wildlife, such as wood, paper and leather goods, are from sustainable sources, such as FSC and comply with European Commission and international trading rules
- encouraging suppliers, through specifications, to develop environmentally preferable goods and services at competitive prices
- phasing out or minimising hazardous emissions such as greenhouse gases and VOC emissions that are damaging to health and the environment
- working with suppliers to improve environmental performance where it is relevant to the contract and consistent with the achievement of value for money
- being responsive to the local community and ensuring they are taken into consideration
- meeting all relevant current and foreseen statutory regulations and official codes of practice and asking suppliers to do the same

Disclaimer: This Charter is not a legally binding document but is a general statement of intent of our commitment towards sustainable procurement practices and of the expectations we have of our suppliers.

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