

Adaptation

WCC Sustainable Procurement

Overview

Objective: 1. To ensure goods and services bought by Warwickshire County Council are as environmentally friendly as possible.
2. To increase the efficiency with which the Council uses resources and minimise the environmental footprint of procurement activities.

Main Partners: **Warwickshire County Council.**

Audience: Warwickshire County Council Procurement Unit, All WCC staff responsible for procurement activities, Business organisations wishing to tender for WCC contracts.

Rationale: In June 2005 Warwickshire County Council adopted a new Environmental Procurement Policy and launched an Environmental Procurement Strategy. The key elements of the strategy are:

- ❖ Buying energy generated from renewable resources.
- ❖ Adoption of an Environmental Procurement Evaluation Toolkit.
- ❖ Education and awareness training for staff.
- ❖ Increased use of recycled resources.

Web Link: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/procurement

Further Info: Contact: WCC Sustainable Procurement Officer, Tel: 01926 736142.

Green Procurement

Warwickshire County Council has been working hard to minimise its own impact on the environment by ensuring the goods and services it buys are as environmentally friendly as possible.

Sustainable Procurement principles are being integrated into all Council activities and suppliers are being checked for 'green credentials'. One such supplier, Evolve Paper, which produces paper made from waste collected in London, was checked. The efforts are reaping rewards. WCC offices now have plumbed in rather than bottled water supplies for staff and the Print Unit is to trial environmentally friendly inks.

The work on Sustainable Procurement features as an example of best practice in a recent guide published by the Local Government Information Unit and is cited in a Government report in the National Procurement Strategy

Environmental Procurement Strategy 2005-2010

Our Strategy will	Aims and Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure we identify areas of high impact and address them in a structured and achievable manner • Ensure that our procurement activities support other WCC environmental sustainability projects and targets • Implement the requirements of our Environmental Procurement Policy • Ensure our environmental procurement activities meet legal requirements • Increase the efficiency with which the Council uses resources and minimise the environmental footprint of our procurement activities • Demonstrate ownership and responsibility for the environmental impact of our procurement activities, and establish Warwickshire as an instrumental authority in ongoing development of sustainable procurement 	<p>Where an environmentally preferable product is available we will seek to use it, unless an auditable reason for not doing so can be shown through a life cycle assessment.</p> <p>Auditable reasons include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no environmentally preferable product available to meet requirements 2. Delay in supply would impact on performance or service delivery 3. Whole life costs of an environmentally preferable product or service do not offer Best Value <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Working for a Sustainable Environment</i></p>

