



Sustainable Procurement Policy

The aim of this policy is to outline the ReeceR Group of companies approach to sustainable procurement. In a climate of environmental change, global supply chains and increasing awareness of social issues, it is important to use the company's buying power to mitigate the adverse effects our purchases may make.

Over the past years, our sustainable development has focused on environmental 'green' issues and work has been done to implement measures to reduce carbon emissions, be more energy efficient, minimise waste and improve recycling.

However, the principles of sustainable procurement are not just about buying 'green', they are also based on a balance of social, economic and environmental considerations. Our customers can rightly expect ReeceR to ensure purchasing decisions are based not only on receiving value for money, but also ensure fairness, encourage diversity, act ethically and reduce the impact on the environment.

The three principles of sustainable development within our procurement are:

Environmental

Seeking to minimise any negative environmental impacts of goods and services purchased, across their life cycle from raw material extraction to end of life.

Social

Managing and monitoring supply chains to ensure that fair contract prices and terms are applied and that ethical, human rights and employment standards are met.

Economic

That economic principle relates not only to obtaining value for money from our contracts, across the whole life of the product or service, but also ensuring as far as is possible under relevant procurement law, that local businesses, particularly Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SME's) can benefit from our procurement processes in being able to supply ReeceR where it is feasible for them to do so.

Through tackling all three principles of sustainable procurement in the buying process, we aim to embed these so they eventually become an integral part of all relevant contracts, tender and post-contract awards, through to the end of the life of the contract and including any disposal of equipment.