

Sustainable Procurement Policy

The James Hutton Group* conducts research addressing sustainability at multiple scales. Globally, we have framed our [Corporate Plan](#) around the UN's sustainable development goals. Nationally, our research contributes to Scotland's [National Performance Framework](#) and ambition to create a sustainable economy.

We therefore recognise the moral obligation to align our best value commitment with the need to reduce the negative impacts and increase the positive impacts of procurement processes and activities on the following sustainability aspects:

Environmental:

- **Climate Change**
- **Natural Resources**
- **Waste**
- **Hazardous materials**
- **Biodiversity**
- **Heritage**
- **Water**
- **Ecosystem Services**

Socio-Economic:

- **Employment, Skills & Training**
- **Communities**
- **Equality**
- **Fair Work**
- **Fairly and ethically traded**
- **Health & Wellbeing**
- **Security & Crime**

These will be considered throughout the lifecycle of every product and service used.

Specifically, we aim to:

- Reduce, Re-Use, Repair or Share before making any commitment to purchase goods or services.
- Include sustainability criteria in every contract specification and evaluation.
- Assess the potential for new technologies or innovative working practices through our procurement process to reduce our overall environmental impact.
- Purchase items which can be recycled or will have least impact on the environment at end of life.
- Use our spending power to work with our suppliers to promote and implement socio-economic and environmental sustainability throughout our supply chain.
- Continually seek to purchase low energy products and services wherever these are available.
- Collaborate with other Organisations to reduce our environmental impact by means of sharing products and services.

This Sustainable Procurement Policy will be implemented by our Procurement Team, in line with our Procurement Strategy and is supported by our Senior Management Team.



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