

Glasgow Caledonian University

Sustainable Purchasing Policy

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The aim of the Sustainable Purchasing Policy is to prompt staff involved in the procurement of goods and services to consider sustainability as a factor in their purchasing decisions. In particular for them to:

- consider goods and services which can be manufactured, used and disposed of in an environmentally responsible way
- give preference, where items are of a similar cost, to those that are manufactured with a high recycled content
- specify items that can be recycled or reused
- consider the energy usage/cost of operating equipment prior to purchase
- favour suppliers that are committed to environmental improvement
- consider 'whole life' costs and impacts when assessing equipment for purchase
- consider commodities that are Fair Trade accredited
- ensure compliance with appropriate legislation such the WEEE Directive, ROHS Directive and the Race Equality Act
- communicate with suppliers on ethical supply chain issues

Specifically, the University's Purchasing Section will:

- circulate agreements that offer environmentally friendly alternatives
- include relevant sustainability issues within all tender exercises
- make suppliers aware of the University's policy and seek compatible policies
- carry out an environmental assessment of the University's major suppliers
- supply to the University's Resource Centres, best advice on sustainability issues relating to purchasing

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