

## 12. Procurement

The University of Bristol is a global civic institution which uses its resources, influence and connections to contribute to the economic, social and environmental well-being of the communities in which we all work.

### **Aim**

Embed responsible procurement into all aspects of the University's procurement activities – incorporating sustainability, Social Value, responsible sourcing and supply chain transparency.

### **Objectives**

1. Ensuring sustainability, Social Value and supply chain transparency considerations are included at every stage of the procurement process, via the Responsible Procurement Plan.
2. The Procurement Team will continually improve its understanding of sustainability and Social Value to ensure that it takes opportunities to reduce any of the negative impacts of its procurement activities and maximise the value it can bring to the environment and society. As part of the University's commitment to sustainability and Social Value the team is committed to support several Green Pledges.
3. The University will continue to hold the Living Wage accreditation from the Living Wage Foundation, and for the University to require a corresponding commitment from service providers.
4. The University will continue to hold the University of Sanctuary accreditation from the Cites of Sanctuary Network.
5. The Procurement Team will work with the business community to develop and enhance relations and the procurement experience for small and medium sized businesses (SME's) as well as play our part in strengthening the local and regional economy. This includes targeted engagement with SMEs from a Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) background.
6. The NETpositives project is reviewing procurement documentation to embed Sustainable / Responsible procurement into our processes, enabling Sustainable Procurement and Social Value to be considered in every procurement as a matter of course, developing a practical Whole Life Costing model to be used in the initial stages of a procurement, Improving our Flexible Framework Level and helping the University to achieve its enhanced ISO140001 Standard.
7. Eliminate Modern Slavery and forced labour from our supply chain.

### **Actions**

1. Develop a whole life costing element of the Sustainable Impact Assessment model
2. Use a sustainability analysis tool for each tender
3. Implement training for all staff relating to sustainable procurement
4. Publish our Modern Slavery Statement in the industry-leading database (TISCreport) and act where our suppliers appear not to have published a compliant statement, or where there are concerns about the integrity of our supply chain.

### **Benefits**

1. Cost reduction
2. Meeting carbon targets
3. Adding social value

### **Sustainable Development Themes**

1. 1 – No poverty
2. 2 – zero hunger
3. 10 – Reduced inequalities
4. 12 – Responsible consumption and production