



The University Caterers Organisation

TUCO Sustainable Procurement Policy

Introduction

TUCO Ltd is a not for profit organisation operating in the Public-Sector catering arena. The aim is to provide a range of procurement services, compliant with legislation, which will maximise buying power whilst taking account of social and economic values and responsibilities.

Sustainable Procurement Task Force define Sustainable Procurement as “A process whereby organisations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organisation, but also to society and to the economy whilst minimising damage to the environment”.

As part of the process to improve procurement performance at TUCO Ltd, we have embedded Sustainable Procurement within all EU compliant framework agreements as we recognise that food & sundry commodity choices have potential to promote responsible sourcing & traceability within the supply chain and influence a healthy lifestyle.

TUCO Ltd's Commitment to Sustainable Procurement

- Compliance with environmental legislation and regulatory requirements.
- Interact with WRAP to help develop and keep current internal documentation and devise strategies to deal with key issues.
- Business signatory for the Courtauld 2025, to ensure food and drink production and consumption is sustainable from producer to consumer.
- Encourage the implementation of Environmental Management Systems, Environmental Policy or equivalent to help 1st tier suppliers identify & address points of sustainability risk in the end to end supply chain.
- Encourage Environmental Industry Standard Accreditation (STS, FSC, MSC) to help maintain / improve food safety and quality where necessary and promote more sustainable farming methods and animal welfare.
- Promote Value for money, including consideration of whole life costs throughout contracts.
- Increase participation of Small Medium Enterprises (SME's).
- Work with suppliers to provide a range of products to meet special dietary requirements, good nutrition and healthier options, in line with UK dietary goals.
- Support fairly-traded food and drink within legislative requirements.
- Promote responsible drinking and alcohol awareness.
- Endeavour to reduce carbon footprint and lessen emissions which impact on climate change and avoid the waste of natural resources through cleaner processes and technologies.

- Explore opportunities to reduce energy and water consumption and use alternative renewable options where possible within the supply chain and within contracts
- Promote reduction of waste throughout the supply chain
- Ensure that every aspect of the behaviours and principles specified by the Modern Slavery Act 2015 is supported and maintained by TUCO Suppliers.
- Encourage the 4R's (reduce, reuse, recycle and re-think) throughout the end to end supply chain and within contracts. Promote increased use of fresh, organic, regional and seasonal produce.
- Develop transparency within the supply chain and supplier organisations with regards to worker's rights, environmental issues, fair working practices and promoting a living wage.
- Support suppliers who commit to community investment by local sourcing, sourcing from dis-advantaged communities, disabled, ethnic minorities and highlight the availability of external/third party auditors such as the International Labour Organisation and Ethical Trading Initiative to suppliers.
- **RSPO - Palm Oil within tenders and on PW**
- Provide the Netpositive supplier development tool to suppliers to enable them to create a sustainability plan throughout the contract period.

Policy Management

Key Performance Indicators will be developed together with evaluation criteria to monitor and measure our progress and mitigate adverse risk.

Policy Review

The TUCO Sustainability Group Members shall be responsible for ensuring that this policy statement is regularly reviewed to ensure corrective and preventative actions have been taken to deliver continual improvement.

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