



Nottingham Trent
University

Sustainability

Sustainable Procurement Policy

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1. Introduction

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) acknowledges that its purchasing activities have a significant impact on the environment, society and the economy, and as part of the HE sector, recognises it has a responsibility to reduce those impacts.

2. Policy

Reflecting the commitments set out in the [University's Environmental Policy](#) and Procurement Policy, NTU is committed to embedding sustainable purchasing within its culture by committing to:

- Raise awareness and promote best practice in sustainable procurement across NTU, making information accessible for all.
- Ensure that environmental, social and whole life cost impacts are taken into consideration in the assessment of value for money.
- Ensure the sustainability risks and impacts for products and services are known and acted upon, to reduce supply chain carbon emissions and comply with ISO14001 Environmental Management System. This will include evaluating suppliers' sustainability proposals as part of our procurement processes.
- Encourage NTU's new and existing suppliers to consider the social and environmental impacts of their services and activities and address how to reduce them, using and promoting the NETpositive Supplier Engagement Tool.
- Strive to reduce carbon emissions in accordance with NTU's Net Zero Carbon 2040 and interim targets. NTU will seek to work with suppliers in reducing carbon emissions associated with the goods and services NTU purchases.
- Publishing an annual statement in line with the Modern Slavery Act; NTU will not tolerate [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking](#) within any of its supply chains.
- Manage the procurement of commodities and services in order to minimise or reduce negative impacts on the natural environment e.g., waste, carbon emissions, transport miles, biodiversity and consumption of natural resources.
- Communicate the Sustainable Procurement Policy to NTU staff, students and suppliers.
- Address barriers to entry to encourage local, regional, SME and ethnic minority suppliers to bid for NTU contracts.

This Sustainable Procurement Policy applies to everyone who buys and specifies goods and services on behalf of NTU. It is important that NTU contractors are encouraged to adopt similar policies, with sustainability performance being added to the current requirements of quality, delivery and value for money.

The policy will be reviewed annually by the Head of Procurement and the Head of Sustainability.

These policies are currently in place across NTU, and will be reviewed and aligned during 2024/25 as part of our EMS continual improvement efforts.

Signed:



Steve Denton, Chief Operating Officer and Registrar

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