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Sustainable Procurement Policy

Overall Aim

Border Aggregates are committed to ensuring the goods and services it purchases are manufactured, delivered, used and disposed of in an environmentally and socially responsible manner and deliver long term value for money for the company and our client sector as a whole

Key sustainability objectives

Buying more sustainably offers potential whole life cost savings, supports our commitment. The key objectives addressed by this policy are:

- Reducing fossil fuel usage to minimise climate change
- Reducing usage of hazardous materials
- Reducing waste
- Improving public health and quality of life
- Increasing levels of employment, skills and equality
- Protecting biodiversity
- Complying with current and anticipating future legislation

Scope

This policy applies to all purchasing activities within the company.

Whole Life Costing

Where relevant, we will evaluate all costing on the basis of long term value for money, using whole life costing to assess:

- purchase, installation, transportation and commissioning costs
- operating costs, including labour, maintenance, re-processing, energy, water and consumables usage
- management costs, including staff training, insurance, health and safety and environmental costs
- disposal costs

Communication & Reporting

To communicate this policy to suppliers, the company will include a copy of this Sustainable Procurement Policy as an appendix to all Invitations to Tender. We will recognise those suppliers whose products and services offer the greatest sustainability improvements.

Training and Implementation

Sustainable Procurement will be incorporated in to the induction, job descriptions, objectives and recruitment criteria for all relevant staff and the source planning and management processes

Innovation & Development

Sustainability is a key aspect of our commitment to innovation.

We will work with suppliers to explore service-based contracts for products, to reduce their whole life costs and environmental impacts. We will encourage suppliers to propose innovations, and suppliers will recognise the company's commitment to sustainability and strive to offer innovative and cost effective sustainable solutions

Policy Development

This policy will be reviewed on a six monthly basis