

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet
2.	Date:	1 December 2010
3.	Title:	RMBC Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

In line with EU, National and Council plans, RMBC has developed a Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice (copy enclosed).

6. Recommendations

- 1. Cabinet approve the RMBC Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice.**

7. Proposals and Details

The Council has a clear vision for effective procurement:

“The Council will procure goods, services and works by the most efficient and sustainable means to ensure that the needs and aspirations of the community are furthered, within a clear framework of accountability and responsibility. In doing so, the Council will strive to become best in class by adopting world-class procurement practices and techniques“.

(RMBC Corporate Procurement Strategy 2009 – 2012)

The Sustainable Procurement Working Group, consisting of representatives from RMBC and RBT, developed a Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice to ensure we comply with the Councils vision for sustainable procurement.

The Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice follows the recommendations of the EU Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) Task Force (The Marrakech Process) and OGC sustainable practices.

The Code of Practice has been developed in consultation with procurement specialists and aims to:

- Promote sustainability and environmental considerations through the Council’s Procurement Strategy.
- Reduce consumption of resources through improved operating techniques and employing new efficient technologies.
- Work in partnership with contractors and suppliers to minimise the environmental impact of their goods and services.
- Encourage procurement of local products and services.
- Where feasible, purchase goods and materials that can be manufactured and disposed of in an environmentally sustainable way.
- Encourage the use of local workforce.
- Encourage skills development of the workforce.
- Maximise positive social impacts.

8. Finance

The Code of Practice will not replace the aim of value for money, but rather support it, by the approach that is taken throughout the procurement process.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The Code of Practice assesses risk as part of the procurement process resulting in minimal risk.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Code of Practice supports the RMBC Corporate Procurement Strategy 2009 – 2012 and the Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation has been carried out with procurement specialists and stakeholders. The Code of Practice was submitted to the Procurement Panel (Minute No. 14 of 26th July, 2010) for comment and following a number of amendments, resulting from the comments, re-submitted on Monday, 8th November, 2010. The Procurement Panel accepted the Code of Practice.

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