

# Sustainable Procurement

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## Introduction

McAleer & Rushe constantly strive to conduct our business in a manner which is economically, socially and environmentally responsible and sustainable. We recognise our responsibilities to all of our clients, employees, suppliers, the community and the various regulatory authorities. McAleer & Rushe recognise that sustainable development requires achieving an equal balance between the environment, society and the economy, so none benefit over another.

## Key Policy Statement

McAleer & Rushe will embed the principles of sustainability within its procurement activities to ensure that only Value for Money products and services are selected and that in all cases a balanced consideration of social, ethical, environmental and economic impacts are undertaken throughout the procurement process.

## Aim of the Policy

The aim of the policy is to ensure that McAleer & Rushe employees, contractors and suppliers are aware of McAleer & Rushe's commitment to long-term social, ethical, environmental and economic sustainability.

McAleer & Rushe is committed to the responsible management of its procurement process in order to deliver value for money, whilst actively pursuing environmental and socially responsible products, services and buildings.

## Key Objectives

McAleer & Rushe aims to achieve this by consideration of the following key areas:

**Locally Based Products** Where possible products will be sourced from local suppliers in order to help support the local community and reduce our carbon footprint by minimising the resources needed to transport the products. We will promote the use of SME's both in the company's local community and also in the vicinity of our various sites across the UK and Ireland.



**Recycled Content** We will aim to select materials with recycled content where possible to decrease the demand for virgin materials.

**Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products** For companies which manufacture, fabricate or assemble goods, we will favour those who can demonstrate they:

- Have a full and relevant Environmental policy statement
- Hold or are working towards a fully accredited Environmental Management System, e.g. ISO 14001
- Comply with a recognised responsible sourcing scheme, verified by a third party, e.g. BES 6001

### **Eliminating Hazardous Materials Global Warming Potential (GWP)**

To reduce the contribution we make to climate change we require our supply chain to specify the use of insulants with a GWP of less than 5.

### **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)**

To minimise the impact of materials containing VOC's, we will directly and through the Supply chain aim to:

- Use low or zero VOC paints and sealants
- Design out the use of high VOC products by selecting alternative materials and finishes where applicable
- Ensure that all materials and substances comply with all applicable legislation

### **Packaging**

We require our supply chain to minimise the use of packaging on our projects and ensure any packaging is collated for reuse. Where this is not practicable it must be recycled.

### **Energy Labelling**

All white goods purchased in offices must be a minimum A rated under the EU energy efficiency labelling scheme

### **Timber Procurement**

We are committed to sourcing timber and timber products for both temporary and permanent inclusion within in our projects from both legal and sustainable

sources as defined by the UK government Control Point of Expertise on Timber (CPET). All suppliers and subcontractors must ensure timber is sourced from a recognised scheme, both FSC and PEFC are acceptable with full chain of custody.

### **Ethical Trading**

Suppliers and subcontractors shall ensure that all factories and premises used in the manufacture and supply of products and services are working towards meeting the provisions of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) Base Code, ([www.ethicaltrade.org](http://www.ethicaltrade.org)).

### **Equality & Diversity**

Where suppliers and subcontractors intend to use temporary or agency staff they should seek to ensure that any labour providers supplying such staff are fully in compliance with McAleer & Rushe's Equal Opportunities Policy

### **Implementation**

This policy and our associated procedures will be communicated to all staff and sub- contractors through on-going training programmes.

