

Lancashire County Council Environmental Procurement Policy A Practical Approach

To achieve Lancashire County Council's objectives relating to environmental sustainability, the County Council recognises that it should take a positive lead, by carrying out its procurement activities in an environmentally responsible manner. The County Council will therefore work with its **employees** wherever possible and practical to:

- ❖ Reduce the number of goods and services procured by cutting down on waste and repairing or reusing existing goods,
- ❖ Use the least environmentally damaging goods and services and promote Fairtrade,
- ❖ Provide value for money by taking into account the whole life costs of goods and services,
- ❖ Include environmental specifications in all contract documentation and ensure environmental criteria are used in the award of contracts,
- ❖ Raise awareness on environmental issues relating to procurement by providing relevant information and training for specifiers and end users.

The County Council will also work with its **suppliers** wherever possible and practical to green the supply chain by:

- ❖ Promoting environmental awareness amongst suppliers and ensuring they are aware of the County Council's Environmental Policy,
- ❖ Encouraging suppliers to introduce more environmentally friendly processes and goods (which can be verified) at competitive prices,
- ❖ Assessing the environmental credentials of major suppliers and their goods.

For tips and ideas please refer to the Environmental Procurement Policy on the Website