



Belfast City Council
Corporate Procurement Services

Integrated Quality and Environmental Policy Statement

The role of Belfast City Council's Corporate Procurement Services (CPS) is to develop an effective, collaborative and co-ordinated corporate procurement service. CPS will support and contribute to the success of the Belfast Agenda and corporate vision through the draft Corporate Procurement Strategy 2014-2017 with the three key themes of **ensuring compliance, delivering value for money through a commercial approach to procurement and supporting the local economy.**

Other supporting aspects of CPS's role include the application of the annual Analysis of Spend, developing market knowledge & market research, developing the intelligent client, co-ordinating the Council's procurement and providing procurement training for Council staff.

Belfast City Council (BCC) recognises the actual and potential impact it's spend has on the environment, and on the local economy, suppliers & communities in Belfast. This policy outlines the approach that CPS will take to integrate sustainability into the procurement of goods, works and services in order to optimise the economic, social and environmental benefits, in line with ISO 14001:2015. In addition, to accomplish and maintain a high quality of service to meet the need of clients, we have integrated the requirements of ISO 9001:2015 which will provide a framework to continually improve the effectiveness of how we work and the consistency of quality to our clients.

Through the ongoing implementation of the CPS's Integrated Management System (IMS), we will therefore:

1. Commit to fulfil all applicable compliance obligations including statutory, stakeholder and industry commitments and agreements.
2. Commit to the protection of the environment, including prevention of pollution, sustainable resource use and process, product or service changes.
3. Commit to continually improving the unit's performance through the IMS
4. Commit to maintain focus and resilience in the face of unprecedented internal and external change

Key elements of the unit's commitments therefore are:

- Where practicable, we will seek to support BCC in spending money on procuring goods, works and services to the benefit of the people, the communities and the economy of Belfast. This specifically includes the use of Social Clauses in Council Contracts and where applicable the use of Article 20.
- We will encourage and persuade suppliers to continue to identify and integrate sustainable processes and products and to enhance their understanding of the Council's sustainability commitments.
- We will seek to understand the impact of and implement the council's stance on both the Circular Economy and employability
- We have developed and implemented a process for the identification and integration of sustainability criteria in the specification of goods, works and services, selection of suppliers and award of contracts and will seek to use this approach to support capacity building and incremental improvement of performance.

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