

# Sustainable Procurement Project Briefing Note

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## Introduction

The North West Centre of Excellence has created a work stream to look at the increasingly important topic of sustainable procurement. The group has representation from each of the five sub regions and brings together the latest thinking and best practice. The group is maintaining links with other regional and national groups to ensure it is kept informed of latest developments.

## Project Highlights

A programme of work is being developed that will ensure councils embed sustainable procurement within their practices and procedures. Current highlights include:

- Identifying current good practice and producing case studies
- Creating a standard sustainable procurement policy for all councils to adopt
- Producing a plan for adoption and implementation of the Flexible Framework
- Identifying areas for risk evaluation with staff uniforms expected to be a pilot project
- Joined the Sustainable Procurement Information Network : <http://www.s-p-i-n.co.uk/index.asp>

## Carbon Reduction Pilot

The NWCE is working with the LGIU on a carbon reduction and trading pilot project. The full programme is expected to look at (1) measuring and monitoring carbon, (2) pricing and budget management and (3) trading. To date 16 authorities, including the majority of Greater Manchester and Merseyside authorities, have expressed an interest to work together on this initiative. The first meeting is planned for September.

## Upcoming Events

The project is looking to establish a series of events to promote the importance of sustainable procurement and to increase skills within this area. Current events are below and can be booked at [http://www.nwce.gov.uk/event\\_list.php](http://www.nwce.gov.uk/event_list.php).

- Training: The NWCE is pleased to be working with Action Sustainability to deliver a practical and "hands-on" training that will enable you to discover the tools & techniques of sustainable. These one day training courses, 13<sup>th</sup> November and 29<sup>th</sup> January, will enable delegates to identify and manage the sustainability impacts of your supply chain. These are being offered free to local authority delegates and is accompanied by a key supplier.
- Meet the Buyer: Again, working with Action Sustainability, this event on 21<sup>st</sup> November will provide delegates with the opportunity to meet suppliers who can provide innovative environmental and sustainable products and services.

For further information please visit the project area at [www.nwce.gov.uk](http://www.nwce.gov.uk)  
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