



Green Procurement Policy

This policy is intended to provide Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd, and those involved in the procurement of services, contractors and materials, with a framework for assessing and assigning environmental criteria to procurement decisions. As an organisation Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd is aware that all the products, services and contractors it procures have an environmental impact relating to their production, distribution, use and end of life disposal. This policy therefore aims at tackling these issues directly and links into the organisation's Integrated Management System.

Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd assigns preference to the purchasing of environmentally sustainable products and services that meet its internal environmental management system and regulatory requirements.

This policy also ensures that personnel, customers and suppliers are aware of Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd's minimum environmental requirements. Key to the implementation and continuing success of this policy will be education, training and awareness raising for internal personnel, contractors and communication with suppliers on an ongoing basis.

Supplementary detailed guidance accompanies this policy and is held within the Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd Integrated Management System Manual. This policy will be reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd Policy Commitments

We will work with our suppliers to encourage the use of environmentally sustainable materials through dialogue, awareness raising, and by applying environmental standards to screening of suppliers and to supplier contracts.

For all products, services and contractors Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd will seek to give preference to procuring materials that:-

- Minimise ecological damage, such as loss of habitats or biodiversity
- Minimise the depletion of non renewable resources
- Are durable
- Can be re-used, recycled, refilled, recharged or reconditioned
- Can be easily upgraded by adding or replacing parts
- Have a recycled content
- Are accredited to a recognised environmental standard such as:
 - Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC),
 - EU energy ratings of white goods, and
 - The Mobius Loop for products containing recycled materials.
- Eliminate or minimise elements which are deemed to be hazardous to human health
- Minimise impacts on climate change.

We will consider supplier locality as a selection criteria with the aim of minimising environmental impacts of transport and distribution.

In supplier selection we will seek to balance the above environmental factors with other factors such as cost, health and safety and other relevant supply chain issues such as labour rights. While recognising that there may be conflicts between these factors, we will strive for the optimal balance through consultation with our stakeholders.

This policy applies to materials procured for both Ashleigh (Scotland) Ltd sites and offices

Signed:

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