



SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT AND ETHICAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Sustainable procurement considers the environmental, social and economic consequences of the procurement process, as well as functional attributes of the product and service. It includes production methods, service delivery, logistics and recycling.

Objectives:-

- Reduce environmental impact through sustainable sourcing.
- Promote social responsibility and ethical standards in the supply chain.
- Achieve economic efficiency and value for money.

A Local Printer procures over 99% of products and services from companies that have an audited environmental policy and, in most cases, a published CSR policy. We ensure that our suppliers comply with ethical labour practices and have a published Modern Day Slavery policy.

All of the paper we purchase is FSC certified (fully audited as responsibly managed from the source of the tree to the mill and paper merchants). To be FSC certified parties handling the paper are ISO14001 and ISO9001 certified and the FSC Chain of Custody guarantees that the wood/pulp is ethically sourced in terms of a fair price paid at source and without child or enforced labour. Our paper is bought on a weekly basis to ensure we only order what we need and to minimise the associated transport carbon emissions.

As an eco-friendly printer 99% of the finished products we produce are plastic zero and able to freely enter the recycling stream ensuring that end of life impact is minimal.

Production is either via digital presses that are EPEAT Silver certified, or via new generation litho presses that are chemical free, waterless and energy efficient.

As a small business, at A Local Printer we are fortunate to be involved on a daily basis in all aspects of the company – from procurement and production to customer services, staff welfare and an open-door policy that encourages our employees to confer with us directly.

Our key ethical business principals are:-

To be fair and approachable to our employees; ensure they have access to all amenities over and above what is required by law; are given training; are paid on time and have an annual salary review; work to a specific set of hours on a regular basis and are paid overtime for additional hours; receive an EOT bonuses when possible.

To be fair to our suppliers and ensure that they are paid on time for their product and services. With a key supplier base of over 20 years we have, and maintain, an excellent relationship with our suppliers that benefits us both. Our key suppliers are audited annually as part of our ISO audits.

To be fair to our customers by ensuring we meet our obligations to them in terms of honouring the price and lead time of their orders; ensuring that the materials we use are sourced fairly and ethically; offering support and advice on product development; managing complaints in a timely and constructive manner; adapt quickly to external changing market circumstances to ensure a consistent supply chain.

Our goal is to make informed purchasing decisions that not only meet our operational needs but contribute positively to the environment and consequently, society. We believe that by engaging with our suppliers we can all make positive change and create a more sustainable future for all.