

Sustainable Procurement Policy

Brighton & Hove City Council recognises that its operations and service delivery have effects on the environment at a local and global level. This local authority is committed to reducing those effects by managing its own environmental impacts, encouraging and supporting others to do the same, and continuously improving the environment for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors to Brighton & Hove.

Timber and wood derived products

As a consumer of timber and wood derived products, Brighton & Hove City Council has a responsibility to ensure that the procurement of these products is not at the expense of the future of the world's forests, but positively supports responsible forest management. To achieve this aim Brighton & Hove City Council will only purchase timber and wood derived products that are either:

- from independently verifiable legal and sustainable or [FLEGT](#) licensed or equivalent sources, **or**
- recycled timber or wood derived products
- In support of our policy we will not knowingly source forest products from:
 - Forests or forest product suppliers that do not comply with all relevant national and international legislation relating to the trade in forest products.
 - High Conservation Value Forests where these are recognised nationally or regionally, unless these forests are progressing towards credible forest certification in a time bound, stepwise and transparent manner.
 - Protected areas, parks or similar areas where harvesting operations are not complimentary to responsible forest management.
 - Forests which are currently being converted to other land uses, or forests that have been converted since 1994.
 - Forests which are in areas of armed conflict or civil unrest where there is a direct relationship between the forest products trade and the funding of such conflicts.

This policy helps deliver the council's priorities, particularly 'Creating a more sustainable city'.

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Suppliers to the council will be required to demonstrate compliance with this policy, by providing:

- Evidence of certification under a scheme recognised by [Central Point of Expertise on Timber \(CPET\)](#) including the [Forestry Stewardship Council \(FSC\)](#) and the [Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification scheme \(PEFC\)](#) or,
- Other documentary evidence that provides assurance that the source is legal and sustainable as summarised above and defined by CPET in detail.

To ensure this policy is implemented effectively, Brighton & Hove City Council will:

- Incorporate the requirements of this policy across all functions of the council
- Embed it in our supply chain and procurement processes
- Bring the policy to the attention of our employees and members of the supply chain, i.e. customers and key stakeholders, and gain their support in its implementation
- Actively support and encourage our suppliers in meeting the requirements of the policy
- Monitor the performance of the council against the policy, by monitoring purchasing across the council and evidence from suppliers
- Review the policy on an annual basis to ensure its continuing suitability and its relevance to the council's strategies and policies