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Sustainable Procurement Policy

Introduction

The industry Watson Homes works in means we have a direct environmental and social impact. As a company we are committed to:

- Working with suppliers, contractors, and supply chains to explore ways to reduce the environmental and social impacts of the materials and services at the core of our business.
- Building commercial relationships with partners who share our sustainable practices and spread best practice through the supply chain.

Our Sustainable Procurement Policy sets out how we expect our suppliers / partners to work and relates to both the products and services they supply to us.

Policy

Here are the key parts of our policy:

- Suppliers must meet all mandatory legislation that impacts their activities and those of their own supply chain.
- Suppliers must follow the specific requirements set out within Watson Homes' policies with relation to Health & Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Timber Sourcing, and any others they are told about at tender stage.
- Suppliers must maintain a suitable Health and Safety System for the operations they do. We may need to request proof of this as part of the tender / pre-commencement works.
- Suppliers must maintain an ethical sourcing policy that:
 - Meets all statutory employment legislation
 - Guarantees all working conditions are safe and healthy
 - Protects people against discrimination relating to religion, sex, skin colour or any other criteria
- Where materials (that make economic sense and have the same quality and technical performance as other choices) can be ethically sourced, a preference will be given to materials that:
 - Have a recycled content (with reference to WRAP – Recycled Content Product Guide)
 - Minimise ecological damage
 - Have low embodied energy (against BRE Green Guide)
 - Use less material by design
 - Can be recycled
 - Minimise packaging waste
 - Reduce use of water
 - Use local resources
- Timber products must comply with our Sustainable Timber Policy which requires timber that is procured from sustainable sources and independently certified by one of two accredited schemes (FSC or PEFC).



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Measurement & Compliance

When tender documents are issued, this policy will be made available with the tender information. The supplier should provide evidence to meet the items set out in our policy (when requested by Watson Homes). Where a supplier is not able to provide evidence but wants to be considered for tender, information should be provided on how the supplier will meet these points going forward.

Supply Chain Responsibilities

This policy sets out Watson Homes' approach to sustainable procurement. We expect all suppliers to adhere to this approach as standard. The only exception is if the supplier is unable to do so because of serious economic impacts. We expect all suppliers, regardless of size, to recognise their environmental impact and reduce their carbon footprint as much as possible when working with us.

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