



ST JAMES'S CHURCH, PICCADILLY

Procurement Policy (for Staff Handbook)

The Procurement policy, along with the Sustainability and Biodiversity policies, is informed by the content and tenor of the Environment policy and so needs to be read in conjunction with this policy. It also needs to be read in conjunction with the outline document explaining how “Ethical Consumer” works.

Introduction

In accordance with our Strategic Plan, we remember that God’s generative, abundant, disruptive love is for all Creation. As an outward-looking church we seek to see Christ in all our neighbours, to amplify His call for justice and work for the common good.

1 Policy Statement

- 1.1 We will ensure that we actively source products and services which
 - a) minimize impact on the wider environment associated with their life cycle
 - b) contribute to lowering St James’s overall carbon footprint.
 - c) have high standards of animal welfare associated with their life cycle
 - d) have high welfare standards for other stakeholders, including those who are employed in supply chains, production, transportation and waste management
- 1.2 This entails choosing products and services that
 - a) have a life-cycle assessment demonstrating that the product's life (which includes raw material extraction, materials processing, manufacture, distribution, use, repair and maintenance, and ultimate disposal or reuse) minimizes harm and carbon emissions
 - b) conform to recognized standards of high animal welfare
 - c) are produced by companies that have fair, ethical and safe employment practices
- 1.3 We will subscribe to Ethical Consumer and follow the guidance provided.
- 1.4 Where relevant, staff will be trained in procurement, including understanding the life cycle and appropriate use of products and services. These staff members are also expected to access the further guidance contained in the accompanying Statement detailing procurement considerations.
- 1.5 These policy commitments mean that we may not always buy the cheapest product available. We recognize that in making decisions about good value, we must consider ethical as well as monetary issues.