

### **Responsible Procurement Policy**

Thakeham Group are a south-east based infrastructure led community creator. A team of industry experts, we deliver to consistently high standards in residential development, contract build and land promotion opportunities.

Responsible procurement is integral to how we operate, so that we can make informed procurement decisions. We understand that we and our supply chain effect people, the environment and economies through our procurement activities and that this impact can be at local, regional and international levels. This policy details our commitment to procurement activities that consider sustainability throughout the lifecycle of the goods, works or service.

We will seek to use contractors and suppliers who share the objectives of this policy, so that our customers and business partners can be confident that we will deliver its objectives.

### **Objectives**

The main objective of our Sustainable Procurement Policy is to specify and procure goods, works and services in a way that considers their impact across their lifecycle. A process which balances social, economic and environmental considerations in making responsible procurement decisions, to deliver long-term sustainable solutions. This includes:

- Procuring goods from legal and sustainable sources, with a preference for those that comply with recognised responsible sourcing schemes such as BES 6001.
- Using timber and wood-based products, for either temporary or permanent inclusion, that are certified as legally and sustainably sourced. Such as, timber independently certified to either the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) schemes.
- Procuring paper for printing, photocopying and external publications that is either PEFC or FSC certified. Paper products should minimise the use of virgin fibre.
- Giving preference to goods, work methods and services which are part of a circular economy process. This includes those that minimise avoidable waste, re-use materials or contain recycled content. As well as those that eliminate unnecessary, single-use and non-recyclable plastic and other materials from products and packaging.
- Minimising the production and operational carbon emissions associated with the goods, works and services we procure. This includes:
  - Giving a preference to appliances, equipment or plant that are certified as carbon neutral, or produce lower operational carbon emissions.
  - Verifying the production-related carbon emissions of goods and giving preference to those certified as carbon positive, neutral or low carbon in production.
  - Minimising carbon emissions from transportation, giving preference to goods, works and services that can accurately report data on transport emissions.

- Procuring renewable energy for offices, sales suites and temporary build supplies, giving preference to energy providing additionality/REGO certification.
- Maximising the Social Value from the goods, works and services we procure and ensuring procurement complies with our Social Value policy. This includes:
  - Procuring locally where suppliers and contractors can meet our procurement requirements, to provide opportunities to small and medium sized enterprises (SME) and social enterprises.
  - Thakeham and our contractors providing new employment opportunities and recruiting locally, whilst providing opportunities for graduates, trainees, apprenticeships and work experience.
  - Ensuring human rights and labour standards are met in line with our modern slavery statement.
- Using sustainable alternatives to goods, equipment or work methods that may harm people or the environment or generate by-products that are harmful to people or the environment.
- Considering the potential impact on biodiversity throughout the supply chain when making procurement decisions.
- Minimising water use and the water footprint associated with goods, works and services.
- Following a risk-based approach to responsible procurement to ensure alternatives to high-risk goods, equipment or contractor practices are utilised.

### Implementation & Review

Responsible procurement considerations are integrated into the contractor approval and tendering process. The Group Commercial Director will promote the implementation of this policy and periodically review compliance with the policy and its efficacy. The Chief Operating Officer is ultimately responsible for the policy being implemented. We will collaborate with the supply chain to encourage them to develop their own sustainable procurement policies where valuable, and to support them in accurately measuring and reporting to us on their performance.

Thakeham's Integrated Management System (IMS) will provide effective arrangements to ensure the policy is implemented and its key objectives monitored, reviewed and reported on. The policy will be reviewed annually and updated where necessary to ensure continual improvement in responsible procurement practices.



Signed: Julian Rooney, CSO

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