

Appendix 1 – Consultation Responses

Section.	Response.	Incorporated. Yes / No.	Section where incorporated.	Comments.
Strategic Issues.	We would like to see the Council further clarifying its policy commitment to Fairtrade. There needs to be a clearer explanation of how additional costs may be justified in order to deliver improved quality / standards within a best value framework.	Yes.	8.6.	Evaluation criteria for individual tendering documentation to clarify this.
	We would like to see recognition of the role of independent accreditation schemes in delivering environmental, social and economic benefits.			
	Transparency – request made for a more transparent approach to progress achieved against the stated objectives of the Sustainable Procurement Policy.	Yes.	7.	Wording expanded for more clarity.
General Approach to Procurement.	Consider metrics used to define success and how these are made relevant to each procurement.	Yes.	8.23.	To be included in contract management process.
	Economic benefits must be proportionate and relevant to the scale of the contract.	Yes.	8.3.	
	Circular economy regulations must be “Island Proofed”.	Yes.	8.13.	Mentioned in Policy however these are regulations which fall within the remit of the Scottish Government.
	Incentivise investment in sustainable development.	No.	Not applicable.	Outwith scope of sustainable

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				procurement policy.
	Associated benefits for local business in areas of high investment i.e. the renewables sector.	No.	Not applicable.	Already covered in 6 general approach section.
	Islands Proofing – in general terms.	Yes.	6.	
	Modern Slavery Act 2015 – ensuring compliance in the wider supply chain.	Yes.	6.	Also at section 8.5.
Scope and Implementation of the Policy.	Quality Assurance Schemes.	Yes.	7.	“procurement approach <i>and processes</i> are relevant and proportionate to the Orkney Islands Council context”.
Outcome 1.	Consider targeted recruitment and training ‘community benefit’ clauses to overcome barriers to employment experienced by adults with learning disabilities to aid the work of employment support services.	Yes.	8.1.	
	Quality assurance through external accreditation and auditing agencies can create a heavy burden on small businesses.	Yes.	8.3.	“procurement approach <i>and processes</i> are relevant and proportionate to the Orkney Islands Council context”. Can be mandatory where this is essential to the

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	<p>Wording of this paragraph noted as causing some concern to members of the local business community e.g. “where their prices and capacity to deliver is comparable to the rest of the market”.</p> <p>(Please note that the paragraph where this referenced is referring to Supported Business in particular which have a specific meaning in the terms of the Act).</p>	Yes.	8.4.	Wording to clarify that “to deliver” is meant in terms of the general terms of the contract or specification and not directed at deliveries of goods specifically.
	<p>Ensure compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 or equivalent by requesting that existing Suppliers complete a statement of compliance and tenderers do so, as part of the procurement process are asked to provide evidence of relevant policies and procedures in place, where relevant to the subject matter of the contract.</p>	Yes.	6 and 8.5.	
	<p>Independently verified <u>Accreditation</u> Schemes, rewording to include “<i>appropriate independently verified accreditation schemes</i>”.</p>	Yes.	8.6.	Revised wording.

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	Where accreditation schemes are referred to in a food procurement, it should be made clear how any correspondingly higher cost is taken into account in the evaluation process in the procurement documentation.	Yes.	8.6.	Additional wording included to emphasise the marking scheme and will make it clear how this will be evaluated. To be incorporated in Officers' procedures, not a policy issue.
	Keep accreditation of products out of specifications instead encourage industry to open up viable markets in the interim.	No.	Not applicable.	This would not be in line with the principle of openness and transparency.
	Animal Welfare. Throughout supply chain. MSC Accreditation as appropriate.	Yes.	8.10.	Wording amended accordingly to include appropriate and independently verifiable accreditation schemes.
	Quality assurance system for local business.	No.	Not applicable.	Where quality assurance systems are requested, unless this is essential to the contract, suppliers already have the opportunity to submit alternative proposals.

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	Tyre disposal example – find use for used tyres and plastics – possible employment sale of recycled products possible network for recycling.	No.	8, 8.13, 8.14, 8.15.	Circular economy already covered.
	Is Recycling Greener? – e.g. – Recycled paper.	Comment only.	Not applicable.	
	Local equipment / contractors – save transportation costs.	No.	Not applicable.	Not possible to specifically state local production or use of equipment located in Orkney.
	Equipment etc – not environmentally friendly – available locally.	No.	Not applicable.	Accreditation approach covered in 8.6.
	Sustainable goods, competitively priced – “Island Proof”.	Yes.	6.	Already covered in general approach.
	8.11 / 12 suggested new clause to strengthen the independent accreditation schemes approach.	Yes.	8.12.	New clause added with some minor variation.
	Request for a guidance note indicating the range of schemes that suppliers could offer, in the food and drink sector, including but not limited to Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Marine Stewardship, Council, RSPCA Assured (formerly freedom food), Red Tractor. This would encourage suppliers to identify quality guarantees that they could offer).	Yes.	8.10.	Where this is possible, will be included in the guidance issued at the selection stage or quality evaluation stage of the individual tendering process.

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Outcome 2.	Suggested re-wording to include the word “negative” i.e. the negative environmental impacts are minimised and the environmental benefits maximised from our procurement.	Yes.	Not applicable.	Environmental impacts can be negative or positive but addition of the word “negative” makes for clarity.
	8.15 Good to see – Fish Poly Box. 8.13 Desking / Chairs.	Comments only.	Not applicable.	
	Requests to look at how the Council could work towards vanquishing disposable straws, cups, cutlery and plates from purchases of supplies and look at recyclable alternatives.	Yes.	8.15 and 8.16.	
Outcome 3.	OIC Award to recognise supplier sustainable approach.	Yes.	8.23.	To be considered as part of future Meet the Buyer Events.
	Consider a mechanism to promote culture of improvement.	Yes.	8.26.	
Outcomes 3 and 4.	To improve the sustainability of the Council’s supply chain and to embed sustainable procurement, the Council should consider setting up a consultative / advisory group of industry experts / community campaigners to assist in developing and monitoring contract arrangements and encouraging suppliers to consider the full range of opportunities to enhance the quality of their offer. The group’s role would be to support the Council in providing advice and guidance on current best practice, innovation in goods and services,	Yes.	6 – General approach to procurement.	This approach could be considered as appropriate as part of pre-market consultation, prior to advertisement of the contract opportunity.

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	and ways that suppliers could contribute to the outcomes specified. It will be important for the Council to positively encourage suppliers to consider quality alongside cost issues.			