

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Executive

Corporate Services Committee: 31 January 2007

Subject: Sustainable Procurement Policy

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the Sustainable Procurement Policy.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corporate Procurement Strategy, approved by the Council in October 2005, included a commitment to the development of Sustainable Procurement.
- 2.2 The Corporate Procurement Unit is represented on the Sustainable Development Working Group, which is developing and co-ordinating the Council's approach to Sustainable Development across the Council.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Sustainable procurement is an important part of the overall sustainability strategy and to this end, a sustainable procurement policy has been drafted and is attached. This outlines the Council's responsibilities and commitments in relation to promoting sustainable procurement and contains guidance on the purchase and use of specific products.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that, if approved, this policy will be circulated to those responsible for making procurement decisions throughout the Council.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1** The preparation of a Sustainable Procurement Policy is the first step in an ongoing process to raise awareness of sustainable procurement issues and to ensure compliance with the principles of the national action plan as it is developed.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1** **The Committee is asked to consider and approve the proposed Sustainable Procurement Policy.**

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Date: 19 January 2007

Wards Affected: None

Appendix: Sustainable Procurement Policy

Background Papers: None

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