

# Auckland Council Group Sustainable Procurement Framework



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## 1 Overview

Procurement covers all the business processes associated with buying the goods, services and works we use to run our business, and deliver our organisational objectives. It starts with identifying our needs, then planning the best way to meet them, continues through sourcing the goods, services and works, then managing the contract, and ends with expiry of the contract or the end of the assets life.

### Sustainability

Sustainability is about meeting the needs of today, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Sustainable procurement is procurement that meets our organisational objectives while having the least negative and most positive impact on economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing.

## 2 Context

Auckland Council Group is a large organisation and a significant procurer of goods, services and works. Our procurement activities give us the opportunity to both influence and impact our supplier markets and the people working and living in those markets. Our procurement activities span the entire organisation and through these activities we have the ability to influence many value levers which can deliver value for money and enable desirable outcomes that can impact economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing.

Adopting a sustainable procurement framework is an enabler for generating positive outcomes that can deliver an improved quality of life, both now, and for future generations. Simply put “it is the right thing to do”.

This framework and its supporting related documents from the Auckland Council Sustainable Procurement Framework and addresses 5.3 of the Auckland Council Group Procurement policy.

Please note this framework is a living document. The tools to support this framework are currently being developed.

## 3 Objectives

The objective of our framework is that sustainable procurement becomes ‘business as usual’ and that all procurement activities enable significant and sustainable positive impact on wellbeing.

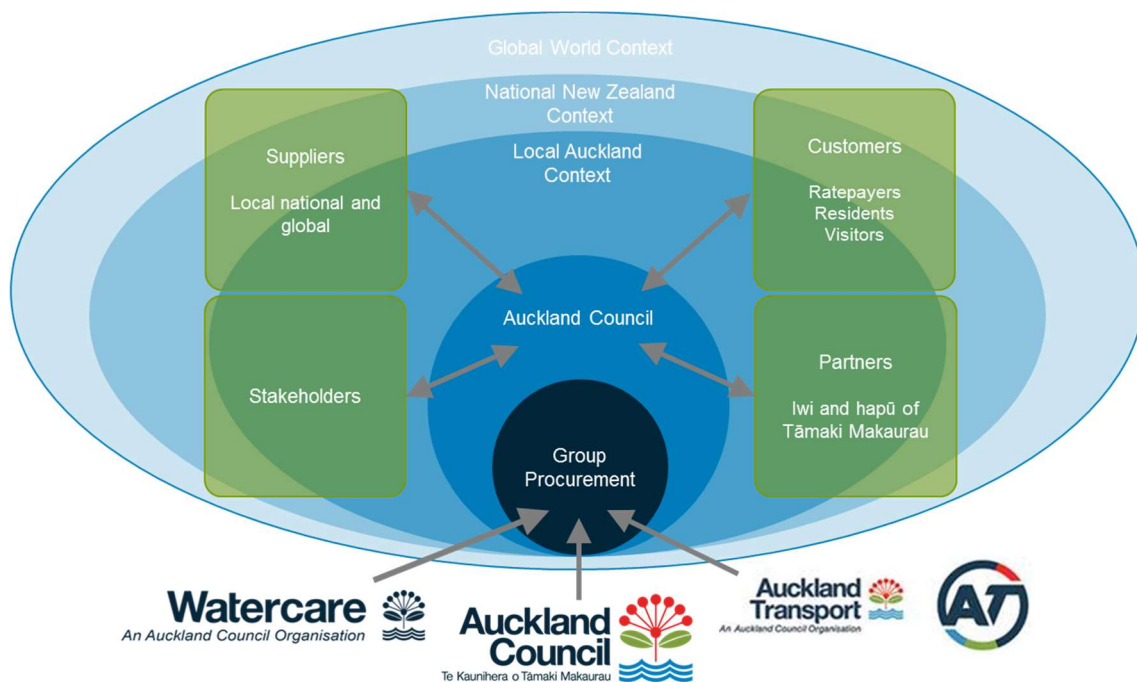
Keys to the successful delivery of this objective are:

- Sustainable procurement is sponsored and supported at all levels within the Auckland Council Group
- Sustainable procurement well-being is able to be identified, measured, and reported on

- Existing procurement processes and tools are updated across the Auckland Council Group to embed sustainable procurement
- Suppliers understand and adopt the delivery of sustainable procurement and are engaged with consistently across the Auckland Council Group under a common supplier code of conduct
- Sustainable procurement is considered at the earliest stage of the procurement process and checks are placed strategically and intentionally throughout our standard procurement processes to ensure sustainable procurement considerations are followed through with, and
- All staff undertaking procurement activities have the knowledge capability and resources available to assess sustainable procurement wellbeing.

## 4 Why focus on sustainable procurement?

The mandate for sustainable procurement comes from within and external to our organisation.



### Policy Context

The breadth of sustainability frameworks, statute and policy settings at a global national and local level all impact sustainable procurement

#### Global

- United Nations Framework convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- Kyoto Protocol
- C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group
- Global Lead cities on Sustainable Procurement

#### National

- Treaty of Waitangi / Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Local Government Act
- Local Government (Auckland Council) Act
- Human Rights Act
- Resource Management Act
- Climate Change Response Act
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act
- Land Transport Management Act
- Government Policy Statements
- National Environmental Standards

#### Local

- Auckland Plan
- Auckland Unitary Plan
- Low Carbon Auckland
- Coastal Approach
- CCO Governance Manual
- Statement of Intent
- Organisational Policies and Plans

## 5 Sustainable procurement well-beings

In sustainable procurement benefits beyond the delivery of the primary goods, services or works are considered. These benefits will look outside traditional savings or value to the financial bottom line and focus on how we can positively impact the economic, environmental, social and cultural well-being of the communities and world we live in. These well-beings will drive engagement and innovation, with both internal procurement customers and the supply market, and increase the delivery of tangible outcomes above and beyond current procurement practices.



Economic  
well-being

Economic well-being is the state of the economy in terms of employment, efficiency and productivity. It also includes resilience to impacts of change.



Environmental  
well-being

Environmental well-being is the state of the surrounding natural environment in terms of air, land, water, habitats and natural heritage.



Social  
well-being

Social well-being is the state of the community in terms of health, safety, accessibility, equity, affordability and liveability.



Cultural  
well-being

Cultural well-being is the state of our identity in terms of heritage, ethnicity, recreation and access to cultural events.

## 6 Valuing Te Ao Māori within sustainable procurement

In the Auckland Plan, Auckland Council has committed to Auckland's Māori identity as its unique point of difference, focusing on raising the living standards of those most in need, and significantly lifting Māori social and economic well-being. In addition, there are more than 30 statutes which detail legal duties applicable to Auckland Council to contribute to Māori capacity, enable and promote Māori well-being and recognise Māori cultural values and perspectives. Auckland Council has an obligation to recognise and protect Māori rights and interests that are over and above that of other population groups.

Sustainable Procurement has the ability to make a material difference for positive Māori outcomes. They could include objectives that support:

- Te Ao Māori cultural competency and knowledge within the supplier's workforce, such as te reo (language), mātauranga (knowledge), tikanga (procedure, protocol, practice) and kawa (customs).
- Due effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Employment opportunities and career pathways for Māori.
- Activities and actions which contribute to building capacity and capability of Māori residents, businesses, social enterprises, schools and early childhood centres, voluntary and community groups, marae, papakāinga, hapū or iwi.
- Activities and actions which contribute to community building and/or strengthening social capital.
- Partnering or subcontracting with iwi organisations, Māori businesses and social enterprises, Mana Whenua authorities and mataawaka organisations.
- Engagement of Māori in the design and/or delivery of goods, services or works

### Mana Whenua

In caring for the mana and dignity of Papatuanuku, as the inherent kaitiaka, Mana Whenua have a key role to play and responsibility to contribute to the region's sustainability. In this they need to be regarded as more than just another stakeholder.

## 7 Sustainable procurement in action

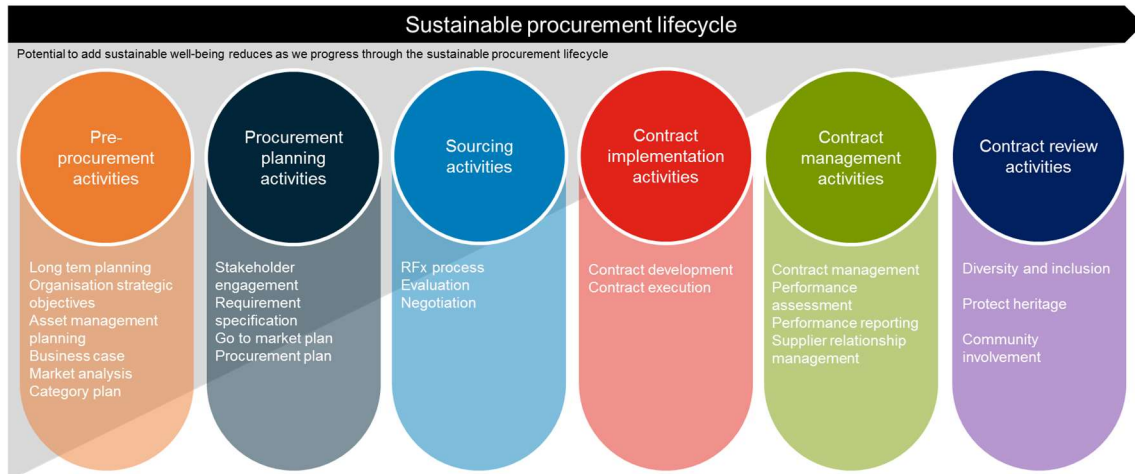
Every procurement activity is different and equally the considerations for sustainable procurement will vary depending on the goods, service or works we are buying, and the size, scale and, risks involved in the procurement and the outcomes we want to achieve.





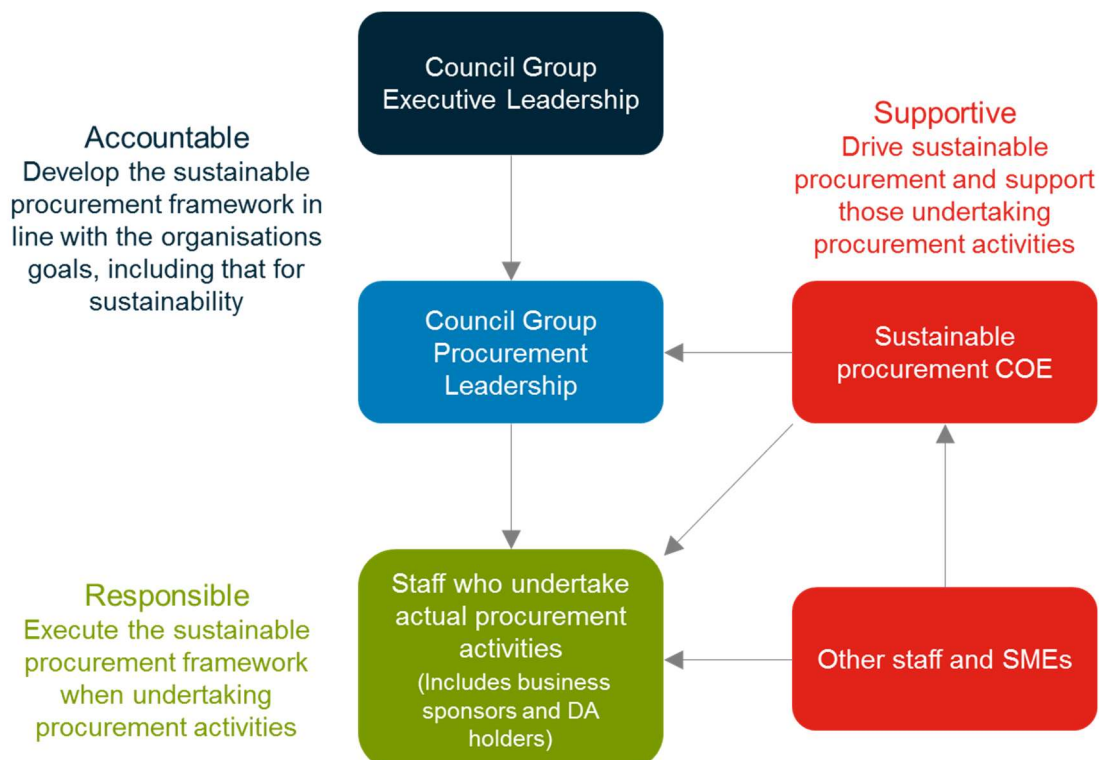
## 8 How do we manage sustainable procurement?

To be successful sustainable procurement should be considered, monitored and measured throughout the procurement lifecycle. Maximum benefit to sustainable well-being will be achieved if sustainable procurement is considered at the earliest stages of planning prior to the procurement activity actually starting.



## 9 Accountability

Whilst accountability for sustainable procurement sits within our leadership teams and responsibility falls on those undertaking procurement activities, contributions from everyone involved in, or supporting, those procurement activities are essential in ensuring the greatest impact to sustainable well-being is achieved.



## 10 Related Documents

- Auckland Council Group Procurement Policy
- ISO20400 Sustainable Procurement