

5. SUPPLY CHAIN SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

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The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council that it adopt a Supply Chain Sustainability Policy. This policy would be used to assist the Council in influencing its suppliers and contractors to help the Council achieve the sustainable quality of life outcomes set out in the Council's Annual Plan.

This Committee has previously considered a proposed Ethical Purchasing and Contracting Policy, in a report to the Council in April 2002. At that time the Council resolved that further discussions be held with affected parties on the implications of the Ethical Purchasing and Contracting Policy.

Since that time a number of discussions have been held with the contracting industry in particular. Also, since that time, there has been a substantial piece of work undertaken, under the auspices of Redesigning Resources, to develop a Supply Chain Sustainability Guide. This covers essentially the same areas of interest that the Council had tried to achieve in its Ethical Purchasing and Contracting Policy.

A working party set up under Redesigning Resources has now produced a Supply Chain Sustainability Guide, and each of the members of Redesigning Resources are now looking at how that guide can be effectively used by their respective organisations.

It is now suggested that the Christchurch City Council look to adopt the set of preferences developed by the Redesigning Resources group as the Council's policy. In adopting this as a policy, the Council is essentially saying that where it is practicable, the Council would like to give preference to suppliers or contractors who can show that they are meeting or working towards the policies and preferences set out in the Supply Chain Sustainability Guide. The Council will need to be careful and deliberate about the contracts where it chooses to use these preferences as a factor in the decision making process. It is envisaged that we will trial these preferences in some relevant procurement or other contracts. We will need to be careful that we do not use them in areas where either the products or suppliers are unable to realistically provide the sort of information that would be required, or where we cannot get consistent information across potential suppliers (eg local companies vs overseas companies).

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the Christchurch City Council adopt the attached Supply Chain Sustainability Policy.
 2. That the Corporate Services Manager and the Senior Professional Project Management in City Solutions investigate suitable contracts where the use of this policy can be trialled.

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- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.