Climate Commitment Charter: Partnering with our Suppliers to reduce our carbon impacts

Statement

The eight local authorities in West London – Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Richmond upon Thames, and Wandsworth – and West London Waste (the West London Authorities) have set out our ambitions to become net zero authorities in all that we do.

We cannot deliver this alone and look to our stakeholders, especially our supply chain to help meet these targets and join us on this journey. Therefore, to support us in that aim, we need you as our suppliers and contractors to play your part in reducing both your carbon emissions in total and more specifically in the products and services you provide to us.

By committing to this Charter, we invite your organisation to join us in collectively tackling the climate emergency and to set out the actions you will take to reduce your organisation's carbon emissions.

Commitment by You, the supplier

By signing this Charter, You, the supplier, commit to supporting any of West London Authorities with whom you work on initiatives to tackle climate change. This is to reduce the greenhouse emissions related to the manufacture, delivery and operation of your products and services. It includes initiatives and technology, such as, the following that will depend on the nature of the goods and services procured: -

- Seeking alternative, lower carbon sources of power
- Improving energy efficiency of equipment
- Improving the air quality emissions from plant and vehicles
- Providing alternative transport methods
- Reducing the impact on the environment, improving it where possible, through enhanced biodiversity and the use of sustainably sourced materials
- Designing for circularity to reduce the use of virgin materials and encourage reuse and recycling to minimise waste.
- Delivering other co-benefits that arise from a transition to low carbon and sustainable lifestyles and working practices, including improved health and wellbeing outcomes
- Communicating the same sustainability intentions through *your* procurement process with *your* suppliers

All suppliers are expected to work towards the following actions and outcomes for mitigating and adapting to climate change:

- In providing, goods, works and services to ensure climate resilience, the lowest possible whole life carbon impacts, and deliver year-on-year improvements in carbon and energy intensity
- A strategy to measure, monitor and reduce your organisation's carbon footprint in line with climate science and working towards net zero

- Provide accurate data to help us disclose our greenhouse gas emissions in a clear and transparent way
- Devise and offer innovative solutions that support our journey to achieve net zero carbon
- Develop and implement a carbon reduction plan that is aligned to climate science.

As part of this we would like to gather information on your plans and implementation for carbon reduction:

1. *Do you, as our supplier, currently have a strategy to reduce your organisation's carbon footprint in line with climate science and working towards net zero? Response: Yes/No/In development.*
2. *If Yes, what is the date for achieving it? Response:*

Our commitment

We will work closely with our supply chain to deliver lasting sustainable benefits. In practice this means we will:

- Be accountable for our own impacts on society, the economy and the environment
- Be transparent in those decisions and activities that impact the environment, society and the economy
- Behave ethically and promote ethical behaviour throughout our supply chains
- Respect, consider and respond to the interests of stakeholders impacted by its procurement activities
- Buy only what is needed and seek more sustainable alternatives
- Ensure that sustainability is integrated into all existing procurement practices to maximise sustainable outcomes
- Work towards continually improving our sustainability practices and outcomes, and encouraging organisations in our supply chains to do the same

We very much hope you will want to work with us to be ambitious for our environment for generations to come. Please pledge your support for this important collaboration to prevent the worst effect of climate change.

I/We will use reasonable endeavours when tendering for contracts and throughout the contract term to become more efficient in our ways of delivering the contract to support the above aims and initiatives, working closely with the West London Authorities and reporting back the achievements.

Signed on behalf of the Supplier [senior Manager or Director]

Name:

Position:

Date:

[Signed once by Senior Representatives of each Borough Authority]