

<b>Agenda Item; Sustainable Procurement Policy</b> <b>Submitted by; Cllr Dwyer</b>
<b>Approval / Noting</b> For approval by Finance, Governance and Staff Committee
<b>Purpose of the Report</b> To agree to a sustainable procurement policy that will guide BTC when acquiring goods and services and selecting products based on their social and enviromental impact.
<b>Background Information</b> At present BTC does not have a sustainable procurement policy. As a Town Council we declared a Climate Emergency in 2019. Considering this, the goods, services and products purchased or leased by the TC should always take into account the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the town.
<b>Legislation</b> N/A
<b>Accessibility Implications</b> – The BTC Accessibililty Strategy would always be considered in conjunction with this policy.
<b>Climate Emergency Implications</b> – The procurement policy would ensure that the impact on Climate Change of any goods, services and products purchased or leased by BTC will always be taken into account.
<b>Financial Implications</b> There may be some slightly higher financial costs due to sustainable goods etc costing more , but these have to be compared to the costs that Climate Change is costing us all, e.g. Flooding and excessive heat.
<b>Recommendation(s)</b> That the Finance, Governance and Staff Committee ask the Clerk to bring a procurement policy to the January Full Council meeting that demonstrates the Council’s commitment to environmental, economic and socially sustainable procurement. There is a publication by IDeA called “Sustainability and Local Government Procurement” that is a support for writing this policy.
<b>Reasons for recommendation(s)</b> To ensure that all goods, services and products purchased or leased by BTC do not add to the problem of Climate Change.