



Discussion Group: Responsible Procurement Initiatives and Challenges

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Discussion Point 1: How are members balancing the challenge of achieving VFM & sustainability?

Input from delegates			Response from consortia	
What are the pressure points?	What should consortia continue to do to assist?	What else could consortia do to assist further?	LUPC	SUPC
Lack of internal resource to evaluate Responsible Procurement/conduct due diligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frameworks including RP criteria Forums and webinars Tools RP Lead available for member advice and support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help to define criteria: What does good look like? More tools and background to their selection Include model call off and contract management questions, answers and 	Our new supplier sustainability programme will show questions asked per framework from SQ, to ITT, to due diligence and provide example call off and contract management questions	Works closely with UKUPC to ensure all Frameworks align with the RP Strategy from tendering stage through to contract management.

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		scores in documentation for every framework agreement		
Meaningful measurement, including economic development, as part of Social Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include social value expertise/experience in question set • Collect data from suppliers on social value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasise economic in social value • Provide Social Value questions by category and model answers • Create case studies 	Social Value is built into our supplier sustainability programme	Social Value is built into our Frameworks at ITT stage. SUPC is producing a range of Social Value example questions that can be used at call off stages for members.
Reliable worker monitoring organisations		Suggest alternatives to those members do not find reliable	<p>Members are all affiliates of ElectronicsWatch. We will host a webinar to reinforce how members can get the most out of their affiliation</p> <p>We have partnered recently with Unseen, with the helpline and a reporting form on our website. We will hold a webinar to further explain how members can benefit and what they can do to share the helpline</p>	SUPC and all of our Full and Associate Members are Affiliates of Electronics Watch. We will continue to work closely with EW and members to ensure benefits are realised through the relationship.
Balancing requirement vs corporate objectives, influence, financial constraints and timelines – deciding which takes priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help to define RP value • Ensure cost-effectiveness as well as sustainable alternatives 		We build in weightings, which answer to the different aspects that our Members require.	SUPC looks at the members requirements and build weighting to ensure that they reflect the objectives of the Frameworks
Overcomplicated policy				

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Stakeholder buy in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top down support of sustainable initiatives • Student support for and feedback on sustainable initiatives 				
Limited pool of available suppliers, especially SMEs	Include SMEs on framework agreements	Support SMEs to remove barriers to access	We aim to design framework agreements to create an enabling environment for SMEs and have several resources available on our webpage for SMEs Our supplier sustainability programme aims to inform the development needs of all suppliers, including SMEs	
Tools to measure/quantify sustainability		KPIs linked to new Procurement Act	Procurement Act webinar series	UKUPC Procurement Act webinar series
Lack of planning				
Procurement Strategy understanding				
Incorporating sustainability into your procurement process from the start – not bolting on to the end	Design sustainability into its frameworks		A good example from Members' perspective of a framework in action which cleverly builds in sustainability is the Waste Management Framework Agreement. The member did not need to address sustainability again, as it had been built in from the start.	SUPC is committed that all retendered Frameworks address Sustainability throughout the life of the framework. Whether providing sustainable alternatives or delivering sustainability through the contract life cycle. This is an area SUPC are looking to develop further.

Discussion Point 2: How are members managing their journey to Net Zero?

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Does procurement contribute to this journey, or are they not joined up?	What should consortia continue to do to assist?	What else could consortia do to assist further?	LUPC	SUPC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes in some cases procurement is involved directly • In other cases, Procurement sits on committees and task forces • Some members have no sustainability lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide tools that assist with compliance with legislation • Embed carbon net zero in framework agreements • Align across UKUPC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard and specific data • Much more standardisation of data • Explain the relationship between spend and emissions – especially scope 3 • Provide an SME tool • Review conversion factors • Provide examples of what good looks like • More automated tools 	<p>Guidance, based on the PPN 06/21 is now available on our website for working with suppliers, a carbon reduction plan and evaluation of the plan.</p>	<p>SUPC provides Scope 3 reports to its members and will continue to work with members to improve reporting and support members journey to Net Zero.</p>