

### **Good purchasing to manage sustainable impact**

London South Bank University procures a wide range of goods and services in support of delivering excellence in teaching and research through our Corporate Procurement Unit.

The Unit supports staff with information, advice and guidance on the sustainable sourcing of resources, and evaluating, determining and reporting the value for money achieved.

For example we have recently published a range of web resources to help colleagues assess the potential sustainable impact of the goods and services it seeks to purchase.

Produced by the Association of University Purchasing Officers Sustainable Procurement Group, the body representing the UK's Higher Education procurement community, our staff now have access to lists of over 300 assessed commodities commonly used by universities to determine the level of sustainable risk associated with each ([www.aupo.ac.uk](http://www.aupo.ac.uk)).

Once the level of risk has been identified university staff may require further guidance on what steps can be taken with suppliers to manage the sustainable impact of the purchasing decision.

Taking advantage of best practice published by The Environment Agency ([www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)) and London Remade ([www.londonremade.com](http://www.londonremade.com)) our staff now have easy access to more detailed Sustainable Risk Assessment Guidance through the Corporate Procurement web page of the Finance Department intranet site.

The University's 'high-spend, centralised contracts' account for just over 50% of non-pay spend. Corporate Procurement continues to promote sustainability at key stages of those procurements as well as helping staff responsible for purchasing the remaining 50% to begin managing sustainable impact and influencing the University's 2000 suppliers.

LSBU really is striving to make a positive impact towards a sustainable future.