

University of Northampton Procurement Strategy

Objective

To ensure that The University of Northampton (UON) employees who are engaged in procurement activities acquire goods and services of optimum quality based on good procurement practice, and to ensure and maintain compliance with the UK public procurement directives and the corresponding UK legislation, whilst allowing UON to meet its operational objectives.

Method of Achievement

The objective will be achieved through:

- An effective procurement function headed up by a suitably qualified purchasing professional.
- Clear instructions to UON employees about regulations and sources of supply.

Role of the Procurement Function

The aim of the Procurement function is to make a recognised and measurable cost-effective contribution to the success of the institution and the achievement of its strategic aims. The Procurement function will work to become a recognised centre of excellence and will work in partnership with Faculties and Departments to develop expertise in external resource sourcing and management including the ongoing management of contracts and monitoring of supplier performance.

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- Ensure all UON procurement complies with UK public procurement directives and the corresponding UK legislation
- To ensure that UON delivers value for money acquiring products, goods and services within the procurement principles of Quality, Cost, Delivery, Innovation, Service and Social Impact (Q.C.D.I.S.SI).
- To ensure that UON acquires products, goods and services incorporating ethical, sustainability, environmental or Social Impact initiatives where cost effective.
- To build, maintain and develop internal and external stakeholder relationships around a mutually beneficial framework of value for money, whole life costing and continuous improvement. Including Category Management for the reduction and rationalisation of suppliers.