

PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2026 - 2030

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TEACHING EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK**





INTRODUCTION

The Sheffield Hallam University Procurement Strategy 2026 -2030 supports the University Strategy 2030 by prioritising the needs of the students, staff, stakeholders, and wider communities that are impacted by the management of our supply chain.

It demonstrates our commitment to work collaboratively and in unity across the full breadth of the university's provision to lead and achieve the delivery of a future-focused strategic procurement service driving innovation, flexibility, transparency and value for money outcomes.

As a public contracting authority we harness the benefits of collaboration with the broader public procurement community and city wide partners, enabling the opportunity to increase the university's overall spending power.

In alignment with the university's Financial Strategy, the Procurement Strategy contributes to financial sustainability by creating financial and non financial benefits, delivering city wide benefits and supporting the University's net zero objectives.

OUR VALUES & VISION

Ambition

Collaboration

Inclusion

Innovation

Integrity

Our ambition is to be market leading in Higher Education procurement offering a strategic business partner approach to the University. Our priorities are supported by our enabling activity and underpinned with an action plan to deliver a whole life cycle approach to procurement that is integrated into planning and decision making. These will ensure that procurement value is recognised and realised across the university, that the service is effective, enabling and efficient in its delivery, consistently providing expert advice and training. We adopt a collaborative and supportive team culture with continuous professional development embedded in everything we do.

OUR PRIORITIES

Deliver Value for Money

Focussing on a commercial and innovative approach to procurement enabling sustainable and value for money solutions.

Partnership Working

Integrating as a key enabler through a business partner model across the university.

Ethical & Responsible Procurement

Sustainable practices embedded in our operations, policies, procedures and practices. Procuring goods and services in an ethical and responsible manner aligned to the university's goals.

Whole Lifecycle Procurement

Maximising the university's supply chain to support the delivery of the university's goals through a whole procurement lifecycle approach defined as commissioning, procurement and contract management.

OUR ENABLERS

Whole Lifecycle Procurement Strategy

Service Plan

Responsible Procurement Statement

Talent Management Plan

Communications Plan

Category Strategies

External Engagement Plan

These key strategies and plans underpin our procurement values.

Delivering on the objectives within these will help us achieve our ambition to be a market leader in higher education procurement. Building the capabilities to innovate, create opportunity, and deliver greater impact in and from our supply chain.

OUR PEOPLE

We deliver innovative procurement that is shaped by the university's purpose and vision. It will be informed by our stakeholders, our students, and will be leading in sector best practice.

Our team are experienced, skilled and technical experts. We strive to provide an excellent experience for our stakeholders and suppliers throughout the procurement lifecycle enabling the delivery of best value goods and services.

We are agile as a team enabling us to respond to the demands of the university and manage stakeholder expectations.

We ensure that our established training and development plan focusses on continuous professional development and personal growth.

We balance the needs of routine and standard procurement as well as leading the procurement activities associated with larger and complex programs.

We harness the skills and capabilities across the sector by collaborating with regional partners, public sector framework providers, and other HE institutions.

OUR STUDENTS

The university will leverage its relationships with existing and potential suppliers enabling the delivery of student placements, training, job opportunities and wider social, economic and environmental benefits to our local and wider communities.

Guidance and training is available to support stakeholders who provide support to student startup companies enabling the navigation of procurement legislation and how to apply for tendering opportunities.

We will ensure that we facilitate opportunities to develop a procurement approach that reflects the priorities and values of the student body, and where feasible, will collaborate with them to reflect student values and needs in the way in which we procure.





OUR SUPPLIERS

Our suppliers are a valued enabler of delivering the university's commitments and ambitions through innovation, research and knowledge. Our suppliers are responsible for delivering value for money goods and services, sustainably, responsibly and ethically.

We value the participation of suppliers of all sizes and sectors and seek to reduce barriers to participation from SME's, social enterprises and minority-owned business.

We actively engage our suppliers in a fair and transparent manner, welcoming feedback to enable the continual assessment of our processes and procedures.

The university is a member of the North Eastern Purchasing Consortium (NEUPC) and actively engages with other public sector framework providers. Suppliers are encouraged to be familiar with HE framework provider opportunities.

OUR IMPACT

Enabling
healthier lives

Building stronger
communities

Driving future
economies

These three areas of impact inform the underpinning strategies and plans that support the delivery of our procurement strategy.

We are committed to delivering a strategic and dynamic approach to procurement resulting in meaningful high value outcomes. We make a positive, proactive and enabling contribution in the way we deliver our services to our stakeholders, our students, our suppliers and our external relationships.

Our engagement with regional procurement teams ensures we are linked to regional plans and ambitions, which aim to create a more prosperous, connected and sustainable region in which our diverse communities can thrive.