

LOCAL PROCUREMENT CODE

1. INTRODUCTION

The use of local procurement agreements is a useful tool in helping the Council to improve economic prosperity and diversity in the local area which is a key aim of the Camden Community Strategy and the Local Development Framework (adopted November 2010). The sourcing of goods and services locally will also help to achieve a more sustainable pattern of land use and reduce the need to travel. The use of section 106 Agreements attached to the grant of planning permission will be used as a mechanism to secure appropriate levels of local procurement of goods and services.

A fuller explanation of the policy background and the justification for the use of local procurement agreements and when they will be required is contained with Sections 32 and 33 of the Camden Planning Guidance (adopted December 2006) which can be viewed on the Council's web site. This document is in line with the objectives of other organizations such as the London Development Agency and Government Office for London.

The purpose of this code is to maximise the opportunities available to Local Businesses in Camden from larger property developments taking place in Camden both during and after the construction phase. The local procurement code describes how the Owner in partnership with Camden Labour Market & Economy Service will ensure that Local Businesses benefit directly from the opportunities arising from both the Construction Phase of the Development and the end use of the Property.

The requirements of the local procurement code apply to the Owner, main contractor and subcontractors appointed by them as well as tenants subsequently occupying the building. The code is designed to support Owner s and contractors in fulfilling their commitments to the planning agreements by clarifying what is required from the outset. Although the wording is emphatic, Camden Labour Market & Economy Service seeks to work in partnership with contractors to assist them in meeting specifications and in finding suitable local companies. They will provide a regularly updated pre-screened directory of local companies in construction, fitting-out and furnishing trades in support of local procurement agreements.

2) MAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE CODE

A) CONSTRUCTION

We will request that the Owner meets with London Borough of Camden's Labour Market & Economy Service's Local Procurement Team ("the Local Procurement Team") at least 1 month in advance of tendering contracts to clarify how the local procurement code will work and the co-operation required from the Owner , main contractor and subcontractors.

The Council will seek to ensure that the Owner inserts the following clauses in the tender documentation issued to the main contractor:

2.1 Actions & Responsibilities of Main Contractor

1. The main contractor will provide the Local Procurement Team with information on the estimated timing of their procurement programme and a schedule of works packages to be let ("the Procurement Schedule") and to provide updates of the Procurement Schedule as and when it is updated or revised.
2. The main contractor will work with the Local Procurement Team to: include local companies on their tender lists wherever possible and to aim to achieve the procurement of construction contracts and goods and services from companies and organisations based in Camden towards a target of 10% of the total value of the construction contract.
3. The main contractor is required to provide regular monitoring information to the Local Procurement Team every six to eight weeks during the construction phase, via e-mail, phone, fax or liaison meeting providing details of:
 - (a) all local companies which are sent a tender enquiry or a tender invitation detailing the date and the works package or items concerned;
 - (b) the outcome of all works packages tendered, where there is a local company on the tender list, stating whether the local company was unsuccessful, successful or declined to tender and the contract value in the case of a contract being awarded to a local company.
 - (c) All local wholesalers and building materials suppliers which are asked to provide prices and the value of any purchases of materials and other wholesaler supplies procured.

(The Local Procurement Team can provide a pro forma local procurement log to assist in the monitoring process)
 - (d) Full contact details of all subcontractors appointed (whether local or from elsewhere)
4. The main contractor should include a written statement in the tender documentation sent out to sub contractors informing them of their s106 requirement obligations as set out in section 2.2 below and ensure cooperation is agreed as a prerequisite to accepting sub contract tenders
5. The main contractor should provide an opportunity for the Local Procurement Team to brief subcontractors on the requirements of the Local Procurement code.

6. The main contractor will identify any actions that are required in order to overcome known barriers to Local Businesses to accessing their supply chain in respect of the Construction Phase.

2.2 Actions And Responsibilities of Sub-Contractors

1. All sub-contractors appointed will be required to work with the Local Procurement Team and to aim to achieve the procurement of construction goods and services from companies and organisations based in Camden towards a target of 10% of the total value of their construction sub-contract. (A regularly updated sub-directory of local suppliers will be supplied to subcontractors by the Local Procurement Team).
2. All subcontractors are required to provide regular monitoring information either to the main contractor or directly to the Local Procurement Team every six to eight weeks during the construction phase, via e-mail, phone, fax or liaison meeting providing details of :
 - (a) All local wholesalers and building materials suppliers which are asked to provide prices and the value of any subsequent purchases of materials and other wholesaler supplies procured.
 - (b) All local companies which are sent a tender enquiry or a tender invitation detailing the date and the works package concerned and the outcome of all sub-contracts tendered.

B. POST CONSTRUCTION: FITTING OUT BY TENANTS AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Fitting out by tenants

Save for in relation to any residential units, where the tenants of a development are responsible for fitting out the building(s), we will require the Owner to inform them that they also fall under the provisions of this s106 on local procurement and provide guidance in writing to their tenants setting out the above clauses contained in section 2 above, which will apply to them as the Owner, their main contractor and subcontractors.

Facilities Management

The Owner and their agents shall use Reasonable Endeavours to provide opportunities for local businesses to bid/tender for the provision of facilities management services and other post construction supply of goods and services.

The Council will assist the Owner, occupier and their contractors in identifying suitable local companies to bid for facilities management contracts and to source local goods and services.