

Scottish procurement: construction policy note

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New guidance on sustainability in construction

Purpose

This Construction Policy Note (CPN) draws attention to the publication of a new Chapter within the [Client Guide to Construction Projects](#). The new chapter 18 of the [Project Initiation and Business Cases Handbook](#), provides an overview of the client's role in planning for sustainability in construction projects, particularly during the project initiation phase.

Key Message

The Scottish Government is committed to ending Scotland's contribution to climate change. We will do this by 2045, in a fair and just way. Read [our new chapter on sustainability in construction projects](#).

Target Audience

This note is intended for all those contracting authority staff involved in the planning and delivery of public works projects. It is applicable guidance under the [Scottish Public Finance Manual](#).

Background

Our guidance, the Client Guide to Construction Projects, consists of three handbooks. Handbook 1: Project Initiation and Business Cases, Handbook Two: Construction Procurement and Handbook Three, which provides guidance on the construction phase. This new chapter will form Chapter 18 of Handbook One.

Overview

This guidance looks at the three pillars of sustainability:

- socially sustainable – demonstrating socially responsible leadership through the delivery of healthy and inclusive outcomes
- environmentally sustainable – actively protecting biodiversity and the environment through the adoption of a whole life approach and effective mitigation strategies
- economically sustainable – enabling inclusive economic growth through fair and resilient practices

This guidance aims to support those managing construction projects to consider sustainability at every life cycle stage.

Dissemination and Contact

Please bring this construction policy note to the attention of all those involved in the management and procurement of construction projects. If you have any questions about this CPN please contact:

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