



# Responsible Procurement Group Update

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# Group Representation

- Group Representatives from Scotland:
  - APUC
  - University of Strathclyde
  - University of Edinburgh
- 1st meeting 26th July 2017

# Responsible Procurement Definition

- a. seeks to build on and expand the scope of 'ethical' and 'sustainable' procurement to include environmental, economic, and social issues and their risks and benefits;*
- b. Includes a range of considerations of equal or greater importance than profitability and the generation of value;*
- c. includes purchasing that minimises carbon emissions causing climate change, challenging the systems and industries driving it;*
- d. identifies, prevents and mitigates the risks of human rights abuses in the supply chain, including forced labour, child labour and human trafficking; and*
- e. recognises that these considerations are interconnected, and must be approached in their totality, with a sensitivity to that.*

## Purpose of the Group

*To identify, share and promote best practice on Responsible Procurement throughout the HE sector*

*To stimulate the development of resources and guidance to support the HE sector on Responsible Procurement*

*To promote and drive excellent practice on Responsible Procurement beyond HE*

*To seek to influence national policy where appropriate*

# Next Steps

- *Baseline current position*
- *Identify areas of good practice*
- *Develop mechanisms for knowledge sharing*
- *Analyse high risk areas*
- *Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017*