

UK Finance Sustainability Supplier Charter

Introduction

UK Finance is the collective voice for the banking and finance industry. Representing more than 300 firms across the industry, we act to enhance competitiveness, support customers and facilitate innovation.

UK Finance is committed to reducing our carbon footprint, minimising pollution and delivering our services to our members in an environmentally sustainable manner. We value the relationships with our suppliers and want to partner with vendors to ensure sustainability throughout our supply chain.

This charter sets out how UK Finance will work with suppliers to deliver excellence in sustainability. For further information on our other commitments including Diversity and Inclusion, Equality, Women in Finance Charter, London Living Wage employer, and Modern Slavery, please visit our [website](#).

Sustainability Commitments

Objectives	Our Commitments	Supplier Expectations
1. Implement measures and policies to reduce CO2 emissions on the path to net zero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with all relevant legislation and regulations on environmental protection and management • We are quantitatively measuring and monitoring our year-on-year carbon emissions • Reporting on our carbon emissions in our Annual Reports • Providing our staff with more sustainable travel options via salary sacrifice schemes including: the option to lease an electric vehicle and a cycle to work scheme • The electricity used in our Angel Court office is gained from 100% renewable resources • We embed a virtual first approach to meetings and prioritise public transport for meetings which require face-to-face attendance. Flying is the last resort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with all relevant legislation and regulations on environmental protection and management • Regular measuring and monitoring of carbon emissions • Reporting/sharing of carbon emissions measurements where possible • Look to partner with your suppliers and supply chain partners to monitor, manage, and reduce carbon emissions in your supply chain in line with the transition to net zero

<p>2. Reduce waste to landfill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We provide recycling facilities for staff and actively encourage use • We aim to be a paperless office • We do not utilise single use plastics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of waste where possible including measures to recycle • Active efforts to encourage a circular economy to reduce use of single-use plastics and other single-use items with potential to cause environmental damage, and promote use of recyclable material including packaging of products you produce/sell • Aim to cover the whole lifecycle of products including effects of production processes, product use, and end of life
<p>3. Encourage and embed environmental consciousness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability, and specifically reducing carbon emissions is embedded at Executive Committee level. • Sustainability is a Board level priority with a board member leading on this area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively promote and/or encourage awareness of environmental consciousness within your organisation such as via charters, policies, procedures, training, activities, membership to relevant organisations, holding relevant accreditations • Some form of management/board level interest in sustainability such as a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or Environment Social Governance (ESG) pillar lead within your organisation or working towards this • Ideally Board-level oversight of measures to reduce carbon emissions and other environmental impacts in line with a net zero transition

Joint Commitments

Together with our suppliers:

1. We will identify ways to reduce our overall carbon footprint and monitor and report progress to achieve an overall reduction.
2. We will work towards a circular economy and reduce waste to landfill.
3. Promote sustainability to our partners, throughout our respective supply chains, and encourage others to follow by leading the way.

Closing Statement

We value working with suppliers who demonstrate environmental consciousness and will work with us to reduce carbon emissions throughout our supply chains. We will be embedding the values of this charter into our tenders, assessment of new suppliers, and enhancing our existing supplier relationships. We hope you will work with us on this important commitment to becoming more sustainable.



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