

INTEGRATING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INTO PROCUREMENT OF FOOD AND CATERING SERVICES

Purpose

1. The purpose of this minute is to inform you that the guidance for Integrating Sustainable Development into Procurement of Food and Catering Services was launched by Andy Kerr, Minister for Finance and Public Services, at the Scottish Executive Public Sector Procurement Conference on 25th May 2004.

Background

2. It is the Scottish Executive's policy that purchasers should take account of relevant sustainable developments and healthy eating objectives when awarding contracts for food and catering services. This guidance is designed to ensure that any purchasing of sustainable food and catering is consistent with Public Sector Procurement obligations.

3. The Guidance can be found on the Scottish Procurement Directorate Website <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/about/FCSD/PCSD-POL/00017839/sustainablefood.pdf>

Dissemination

4. I would be grateful if this paper could be brought to the attention of all relevant staff in agencies and NDPB's and other sponsored public bodies within your field of responsibility.

Enquiries

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