



Circular Economy Policy

Purpose

This Circular Economy policy sets out the Programme's ambition to embed the principles of a circular economy into the Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster. This policy is part of a suite of Sustainability policies that support the Programme's Vision and Goals.

Embedding circular economy principles will require the Programme to adopt new methods of procuring products and services that provide long-term economic and environmental benefit. Circularity will be delivered through a focus on resource conservation, flexibility and adaptability of spaces and functions, and a change from traditional models of ownership and ways of working. This will significantly reduce embodied carbon and waste and contribute to job creation, skills training and innovation.

Principles

Circular Economy on the Programme will be realised by:

- Maximising flexibility by designing modular components and services that are adaptable for future use
- Making decisions on the basis of whole-life cost and life-cycle carbon assessments
- Promoting the use of durable, high-quality, bio-based and low toxicity materials
- Retaining high-value materials cycles through application of the re-use hierarchy and consideration of disassembly at end of life
- Designing out waste through the supply-chain by adopting offsite manufacture and standardised components
- Collaborating with industry to create jobs, skills, training and innovation opportunities to support the circular economy
- Adapting traditional procurement processes to promote circular principles
- Promoting the principles and benefits of a circular economy across the supply chain

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains effective and will be communicated and made available to interested parties and the supply chain.

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