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Is your organisation thinking about becoming **greener?**

Green workplace initiatives to help achieve a better future, together.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Read our first newsletter to find out everything in the world of procurement in the UK public sector.

WELCOME

Welcome to our first newsletter for the public sector, keeping you up to date with all of our frameworks, services and solutions. As procurement professionals we are here to provide you with expert, impartial advice that can save you both time and money in your purchasing decisions.

This special edition focuses on helping our customers explore ways of how to become greener and more sustainable.



Climate Change



Renewable Energy



Reducing Emissions



Electric Vehicles



Global Warming



Managing Waste

What does carbon net zero mean to your business?

As the UK is aiming for carbon net zero by 2050, now is the time to start thinking about how your organisation can keep up with the change. With the UK strategies coming into play as early as 2022, we have delved into the changes that may affect your organisation.



The **2021 UN Climate Change Conference** took place from the 31st October to the 12th November in Glasgow, Scotland, with over 190 world leaders getting together to discuss the world's biggest threat that is climate change.

Read how the UK and UN country members have committed to climate change.



Looking back at what we all learnt about the 2021 COP26 conference

What is COP26?

Conference of the Parties, the 26th annual summit of its kind, took place recently with many believing it's the world's last best chance at taking control of the constantly accelerating climate change.

COP26 held discussions of the actions needed to counteract climate change. The focus is to work together to hold the global warming to below 2 degrees and with a target of 1.5 degrees, to mitigate the constant changing climate we face and make money available for these changes to take place.



What were the aims of the summit?

- 1 **Secure global net zero by mid-century and keep 1.5 degrees within reach** – Keeping on track with targets to reach our end goal to secure a cleaner future.
- 2 **Adapt to protect communities and natural habitats** – all countries in the UN conference to come to an agreement to enforce actions to protect their environments.
- 3 **Mobilise finance** – Investing in new solutions to meet targets set.
- 4 **Work together to deliver** – collaboration between all countries is key to meet global targets of net zero by 2050.

How is the UK committing to the agreement?

The UK has committed to doubling its International Climate Finance budget to GBP 11.6bn over 2021-25, including a balance between mitigation and adaptation spending. The Commonwealth Development Corporation has also committed to a 30% climate target which is expected to deliver a further £1.5bn over five years. With £3bn going towards nature based solutions over the next 5 years.

So what does this mean for UK businesses?

In November 2020 the 10 point plan was put together by the UK government to ensure that the UK is put on track to reach their goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. This commitment to the green revolution has now been boosted by the further actions the UK government are taking to address the world crisis of global warming. For UK businesses, the government are striving to offer four times as many jobs in the low carbon sector by 2030, with an ambition of 2 million green jobs being offered by 2030.

Want to know more about the UK government's plan for a greener future?

[CLICK HERE](#)

Accelerate your carbon net zero plans



Interested in decarbonisation projects?

[Contact](#)



Looking to convert to LED?

[Contact](#)



Upgrading your EV infrastructure?

[Contact](#)



Seeking new renewable energy sources?

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

CARBON NET ZERO

Carbon net zero is the UK’s goal by 2050, with the target for all vehicles to be fully electric to help achieve the government’s plan for a carbon free future. The UK government is putting in place £620m in grants for electric vehicles and charging points, this will help the challenge to be carbon free by the year 2050.

KCS Procurement Services is helping to drive towards a fully electric future.

Electric vehicles will play a huge part in the carbon net zero targets, meaning electric vehicles are playing a huge part in the plan, meaning electric vehicle charging points are crucial for the future in the UK’s road network.

Proudly working with Kent County Council and our awarded suppliers, the electric vehicle services accessible via our two EVCP frameworks give organisations the chance to be a part of the global carbon emission plan to become carbon neutral whilst improving local road infrastructures.

Join the drive towards a carbon net zero UK – is your organisation doing enough?

To find out how, view our Electric Charging Points Frameworks.

- Electric Vehicle Charging Points
- Electrical Vehicle Charging Points and Associated Services
- Fleet Services

Want to drive an electric van for FREE?

Introducing Kent REVS

Kent REVS up for Cleaner Air

The Kent Realising Electric Vans Scheme!

Commercial Services Group is supporting Kent Country Council in their desire to achieve a greener transport infrastructure, with Kent REVS, created to help reduce emissions by encouraging organisation fleets to switch to electric.

With targets set for the UK to aim for an all-electric vehicle future, this is a great opportunity to get involved.

Want to know more about what has been achieved so far?

- 104** electric vehicle loans have been completed since the launch of the REVS initiative, with **34** currently out on loan as of October 2021*.
- 14** businesses are interested in purchasing the REVS vans after the 2 year period.
- 57%** of drivers are likely or very likely to convert to electric vehicles as a result.
- The majority of people believe that it changed driving behaviors for the better, improving road safety for all drivers.
- 70%** of businesses have requested further information on electric vehicles/charging points.

Do you know a Kent SME, organisation or charity that would be interested in trying a electric van for FREE?

Find out how you can get involved today! Contact our dedicated REVS team for further information REVS@csltd.org.uk



How do some of our suppliers support the carbon net zero plans with frameworks for **Travel Management Services**?

We've partnered with Trees4Travel to help our customers reduce their carbon footprint and hit those CSR goals through carbon offsetting.



Our supplier Agiito is committed to achieving net zero by 2035.

What they have done?

- ✓ Move to virtual meetings using Microsoft Teams.
- ✓ Reduced property portfolio.
- ✓ LED lighting.
- ✓ Heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) efficiency upgrades.
- ✓ Energy reduction program – switch off policy, what runs, runs when needed only.
- ✓ 33% of fleet transitioned to EV or Hybrid.
- ✓ Where work circumstances allow, employees given options for flexible working model to reduce accommodation requirements.

Significant emissions reduction in 2020 due to unprecedented global impact on travel during the Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in a period of dramatically reduced organisation operations.

What they will be doing in the future?

- ✓ Migrate multi tenanted properties we occupy to 100% renewable electricity.
- ✓ Improve efficiencies in electricity consumption.
- ✓ Ongoing optimisation of building energy use and ensuring longer term strategies for building heating decarbonisation.
- ✓ Improve data and reporting to improve accuracy of carbon accounting.
- ✓ Reduce organisation travel emissions through greening our fleet and continuing to develop online meeting and collaboration tools. Transport emissions will also reduce as cars, trains and planes produce less carbon.
- ✓ Engage with supply chain to ensure suppliers set science-based carbon reduction targets and commit to net zero. Monitor top 200 supplier emissions annually.
- ✓ Reduce commuting emissions.

[READ AGIITO'S GREEN BUSINESS CULTURE PLANS](#)



Travel Planet
Time to change

Our desire – to reduce our environmental impact and that of our customers.

We offer our customers and travellers the opportunity to dematerialise all the steps of travel booking through:

- **Visualisation of CO2 emissions information.** Calculation and visibility of emissions generated on organisation travel services from the moment of booking. Information to facilitate eco-responsible behaviour is available to our customers, our travellers, and our team
- **Online booking** of hotel rooms, train tickets, planes, car rentals and ground transport through the Click and Control platform, both desktop and mobile.
- **Digitised travel documents** (itineraries, tickets, discount cards, etc.).
- **The dematerialisation of customer invoices**
- **Recycling office waste**
- **Encourage internal mobility** for employees across teams, regions countries. We encourage our employees to develop their own careers by providing a rewarding environment and allowing them to meet new challenges on a regular basis.
- **We are ISO 14001 certified.**

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

How do some of our suppliers support the carbon net zero plans with frameworks for **Waste Management Services**?

Bywaters recycling made easy

Bywaters has dedicated their time and volunteered to help clean up beaches.

UK-wide beach cleans

“Our beach cleans usually take place either at popular seaside locations such as Brighton or on the banks of the Thames.

We try and cover as many locations as possible to increase the length of shoreline we’re able to clear, and helping to keep the Thames clean is also a key part of our ‘London for London’ initiative for keeping the nation’s capital sustainable.

All the waste we collect through our beach cleans is then sorted for recycling at Bywaters’ state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility in Bow, with the resulting segregated waste being sent to specialist recycling plants across the UK. We take great pride in saving waste from entering the oceans and ensuring it is instead used to make new sustainable products.”

[VISIT BYWATERS WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

In the last year...



Number of beaches
33



Kg of waste collected
3,552



Volunteer hours
2,640

Viridor

Viridor is determined to play a leading role in transforming the waste sector so it can drive the creation of a net zero, circular economy by 2050.

Tackling climate change will require action across every area of the economy and the waste sector is no exception.

Despite the sector’s achievements over previous decades in reducing emissions and increasing recycling rates, progress has slowed in recent years as we reach the limit of what available technology can deliver.

The waste sector contributes about 6% of annual UK greenhouse gas emissions – a portion that has barely changed over the last five years. As the country aims to reach net zero by 2050, this pace of progress is not sufficient.

We must explore every option to reduce our environmental footprint – investing in green technologies and continuing to drive up recycling rates.

Through these actions, we can overcome the problem of how we dispose of waste and build a net zero, circular economy.

[VISIT VIRIDOR’S WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE](#) 



Equipment collection, recycling and reuse

An essential part of NRS Healthcare services is the collection of equipment when it is no longer needed, and they are able to recycle and reuse the equipment for another person’s needs.



Recycling equipment decreases costs for commissioners and reduces waste.

Their proactive approach to equipment retrieval, advanced recycling, and a wide range of products with a whole life cost basis has supported the increase in recycling across their contracts.

This helps reduce the need to purchase new and controls costs for commissioners, this supports the needs of service users through increased accessibility.

All of their facilities are cleaned, decontaminated, and repaired in line with industry best practice and current legislation.

NRS are a supplier on our Integrated Community Care Equipment framework

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT RECYCLING AND REUSE



How does technology support carbon net zero plans?

Technology plays an important role in every organisation, but did you know the ICT sector produces 1.4% of global emissions?*



A quick guide to your digital carbon footprint – Ericsson

With the industry forever developing and introducing new advances, this makes us more reliant on technology every day. However, keeping up with change and updating technology in your organisation can be costly but also damaging to our carbon footprint.

Becoming a corporate sustainable organisation and understanding where you generate any harmful gases from can be a great starting point for your carbon net zero strategy. Corporate sustainability not only creates long-term value, but it can also reduce risks, increase brand reputation and drive revenue.

Do you want to help reduce your carbon footprint?

Our brand-new IT Hardware framework gives you access to suppliers who can transform your digital ecosystem with their innovative technology and IT solutions.

This framework is split across four LOTs and provides the following:

	<p>LOT 1 NEW IT Hardware products</p>		<p>LOT 2 REMANUFACTURED IT Hardware products</p>
	<p>LOT 3 REFURBISHED IT Hardware products</p>		<p>LOT 4 IT Hardware Repair, Disposal and Recycle</p>

So, how can you create an impact?

Refurbish your old/used computer equipment with our **LOT 3 – Refurbished IT Hardware**. By not purchasing new manufactured products, this provides you a solution which will not only save money but is just one way to contribute to your carbon net zero strategy.

To find out how to extend the life of your existing computer equipment or our other IT Hardware products and associated services! Download our user guide

* Source - <https://www.ericsson.com/en/reports-and-papers/industry/lab/reports/a-quick-guide-to-your-digital-carbon-footprint>



NEW frameworks from KCS Procurement Services



PEOPLE & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Y21011 Barrister Services



Our new framework for Barrister Services has been created to support public sector organisations seeking advice and expertise. The provision of a full range of barrister services and associated services, including provision of a written opinion; advice; conference with client; appeals; judicial reviews from practitioners across a range of specialisms:

- Adult services
- Child protection
- Community care
- Civil litigation
- Finance services
- International services
- Procurement and contract services



TO CHECK OUT OUR FULL RANGE OF FRAMEWORKS – VISIT OUR WEBSITE

EVERYONE HAS A PART TO PLAY!



Climate change is an unprecedented challenge. This will increasingly impact upon society and the environment. The inevitable overarching threats associated with global warming in excess of 1.5 degrees are well documented, making collaboration on global, regional and local scales vitally important.

The Zero Carbon Team at LASER are leading the way to help future proof the environment for customers. Their project will comprise of four stages:



Footprint and Forecast – allows customers to understand the current emissions associated with their organisation and how they impact without action.



Options Appraisal – set out the different actions that customers can take to reduce their emissions and understand the impact of each.



Carbon Descent Plan – summarises the available options and solutions to help reduce carbon footprints, and for customers make a sustainable decision.



Carbon Reduction Plan – will help customers commitment to net zero and can be taken into account in the procurement of central government contracts.

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CARBON FUTURE

If you have any questions please email the **Zero Carbon Team** at zerocarbon@laserenergy.org.uk or visit laserenergy.org.uk

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