

## TUCO Environmental Sustainability Policy Statement

### Introduction

TUCO Ltd is a not for profit organisation operating in the Public-Sector catering arena. The aim is to provide a range of procurement services, compliant with legislation, maximising buying power whilst taking account of social and economic values and responsibilities.

As part of our sustainable development plan, TUCO Ltd aims to embed sustainability within all functions of the business. This includes a commitment to work collaboratively with our internal and external stakeholders to find innovative solutions to some of the bigger challenges faced by society. We will take necessary decisions and provide suitable investment to realise our vision of stimulating economic growth, maximising wellbeing and protecting our environment, without affecting the ability of future generations to do the same. We strive to be leaders in our sector

### TUCO Ltd Accountability

As a National catering purchasing consortium, TUCO Ltd are accountable for and committed where possible to:

- Promoting the prudent use of natural resources and the minimisation of waste.
- Seek to procure goods and service that minimise the negative and enhance the positive impacts on the environment and society, whilst meeting the needs of our members.
- Promote the reduction of natural resources
- Encourage the use of recycled materials and recycling initiatives
- Fulfil all legal and compliance obligations
- Support TUCO Ltd members with their sustainability objectives
- Collaborate with Industry experts such as WRAP and NETpositive to develop strategies to address key environmental issues.
- Encouraging the use of sustainable transport.
- Remain a signatory of the Courtauld 2025 commitment by WRAP.
- Investing in sustainable systems and technology such as the NETpositive Supplier Engagement Tool, which embeds sustainability in the procurement process
- Supporting the Public-Sector Food Procurement Initiative (PSFPI).

### TUCO Ltd Environmental Sustainability Objectives:

TUCO key Sustainability objectives aim to:

- Create Sustainable Framework Agreements structured and communicated to appeal to the widest possible number of suppliers.
- Adhere to appropriate quality assurance standards for food safety, animal welfare and production.
- TUCO Conference to follow sustainable principles and practices wherever possible
- Promote best practice through collaboration with all internal and external stakeholders.
- Offer academic and practical courses to TUCO members on Sustainability.
- Ensure the TUCO Sustainability Group meet at least bi-annually
- Regularly review and update TUCO Sustainable Business Plan
- Regularly consult with our members
- Ensure that this policy is available to our members and suppliers
- Request information from suppliers on steps they have taken to protect their workers from COVID-19.
- Encourage members to support higher welfare standards for food and farming
- Promote our suppliers, especially SME's who share the same values as our members

- Support, communicate and promote procurement processes that support sustainability practices

## **Communication**

This policy is an integral part of our tender documentation for every framework agreement. Copies are provided to all current suppliers when updates occur or when there is a change in policy or legislation.

This policy statement is available to all internal and external stakeholders via the TUCO Ltd website at [www.tuco.ac.uk](http://www.tuco.ac.uk).

The TUCO Sustainability Group are responsible for ensuring that the policy statement is regularly reviewed to ensure corrective and preventative actions have been taken to deliver continual improvement.