

Procurement Leadership Group Meeting (Q4)

25th February 2025

Meeting Actions:

- Our group is encouraged to share current carbon-related clauses and KPIs with CAG via Sarah and Yasmin to support their work in FY25/26.
- Sarah / Yasmin to gather a synopsis of the alternative fuels report from the Plant, Tools, and Equipment group, as our group is keen to provide supply chain insights.
 - Our group members are encouraged to share alternative fuels case studies (what worked and why).
- Sarah will share the full Sustainability Assessment with our group when available.

Supply Chain Sustainability School Ireland: CRSD Working Group

Andrew Wilson shared details about the Supply Chain Sustainability School Ireland (the Irish School) and its CSRD working group, aligning with our group's priorities. Key points:

- The Irish School has 24 partners, expecting 25 within a year.
- The CSRD group meets quarterly to share best practices, e.g., double materiality assessments.
- A resource library is available, offering materials to help small and mid-sized Irish organisations impacted by CSRD. Resources include [this guide by Davy Horizons](#).
- Andrew shared [this live archive](#) that identifies CSRD reporting that has been completed by organisations across the EU to date.

Business Planning Priority Setting (Recap from Q3)

Sarah shared a recap from our business planning session in December 2024:

- Our group favoured e-learning, virtual conferences, and video content. Case studies and learning pathways were also highlighted.
- Key sustainability challenges identified: understanding legislation, decarbonisation and alternative fuels, and balancing cost vs value.
- Other groups are covering decarbonisation and alternative fuels well, so our group should focus on understanding and managing legislation (e.g., Public Procurement Act 2023, Building Safety Act 2022).
- Sarah's key message: collaborate to work smarter, not harder.

Business Planning: Priority Setting (Draft Budgets)

Sarah explained that the Procurement Group currently has an approx. £12K budget to deliver outputs against our priorities, with the option to request more if needed.

A range of draft budgets were presented to the group, as well as a recommended budget prepared by Sarah.

A query arose about focusing too much budget on the Public Procurement Act 2023. Sarah explained that while in-scope organisations have access to learning materials, there is a need – which the School can fulfil – to educate the supply chain on how this legislation will indirectly impact them and how they can prepare for it. Additional commentary was provided in relation to the benefit of the School sitting outside of the government, thus providing a unique platform for organisations to share experiential knowledge over the coming months.

A Menti poll secured a majority vote to adopt the recommended budget.

Sustainability Assessment

Our group reviewed the assessment criteria for SC02 (Sustainable Procurement) and SC09 (Materials). Key feedback:

- SC02 feedback was mostly positive, with minor suggestions.
- SC09 feedback was also positive, with some recommendations about introducing EPDs at earlier stages of maturity in the assessment framework, particularly from a manufacturer's perspective. There was also feedback regarding equivalent standards – for example, ISO 20400 may not be relevant to all, and perhaps we could also include ISO 14001 and BES 6001 at some of the lower maturity levels.
- There was a request for the group to have visibility of the full sustainability assessment – which has 17 topics in total – when it is available.

Podcast

Our group listened to a 13-minute podcast, [The CO2 Performance Ladder: A Podcast with TFL and Action Sustainability](#), updating progress on this pilot.