

The national strategy on sustainable public procurement in the UK

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Outline

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- Sustainable Procurement Task Force
- UK Sustainable Procurement Action Plan
 - Targets
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 - Progress to date

UK Framework and Government Sustainable Development Strategy

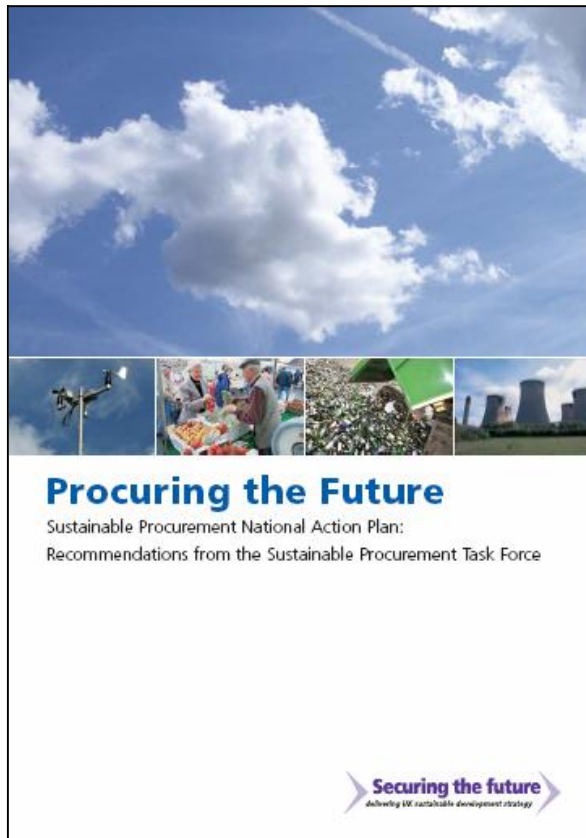


- Sustainable Development Strategy 2005 'Securing the Future'
- Shared vision, principles, priorities
- Long term interest in sustainable development
- UK to be recognised as amongst the leaders across EU Member States by 2009

Sustainable Procurement Task Force

- Government appointed May 2005
 - Defra and HM Treasury
- Business-led
 - Chaired by Sir Neville Simms (International Power plc)
 - 33 members from diverse sectors
 - BAA, BT, HP, Royal Mail, Skanska, Tarmac, Vodafone
 - Major spend departments, local government, NGOs
 - Devolved administrations as observers (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)

The challenge - to purchasers



Launched 12 June 2006

Covers whole of public sector

£150 billion per annum
(US \$300 billion approximately)

Definition of Sustainable Procurement

- **“Sustainable Procurement is a process whereby organisations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organisation, but also to society and the economy, whilst minimising damage to the environment”.**

Footnote:

Sustainable Procurement should consider the environmental, social and economic consequences of:

Design; non-renewable material use; manufacture and production methods; logistics; service delivery; use; operation; maintenance; reuse; recycling options; disposal; and suppliers' capabilities to address these consequences throughout the supply chain.”

Procuring the Future, June 2006

UK Sustainable Procurement Action Plan

- Launched March 2007
- Clear priorities:
 - Climate change mitigation
 - Carbon neutral by 2012
 - Natural resource protection
 - Biodiversity
 - Illegal logging and sustainable timber
 - Consult on need for 'centre of sustainable procurement excellence'
 - Health sector and local government strategies too
 - Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland also active

Sustainable Operations Targets

Carbon

- Government office estate **carbon neutral** by 2012.
- **Carbon emissions down** 12.5% by 2010 (30% by 2020).
- **Carbon emissions** from vehicles **down** 15% by 2010/11

Waste

- **Waste** arisings **down** 5% by 2010 (25% by 2020).
- Waste **recycled up** 40% by 2010 (75% by 2020).

Energy

- **Energy efficiency/m² up** 15% by 2010 (30% by 2020).
- 10% of electricity from **renewables** by 31 March 2008
- 15% of electricity from **CHP** by 2010

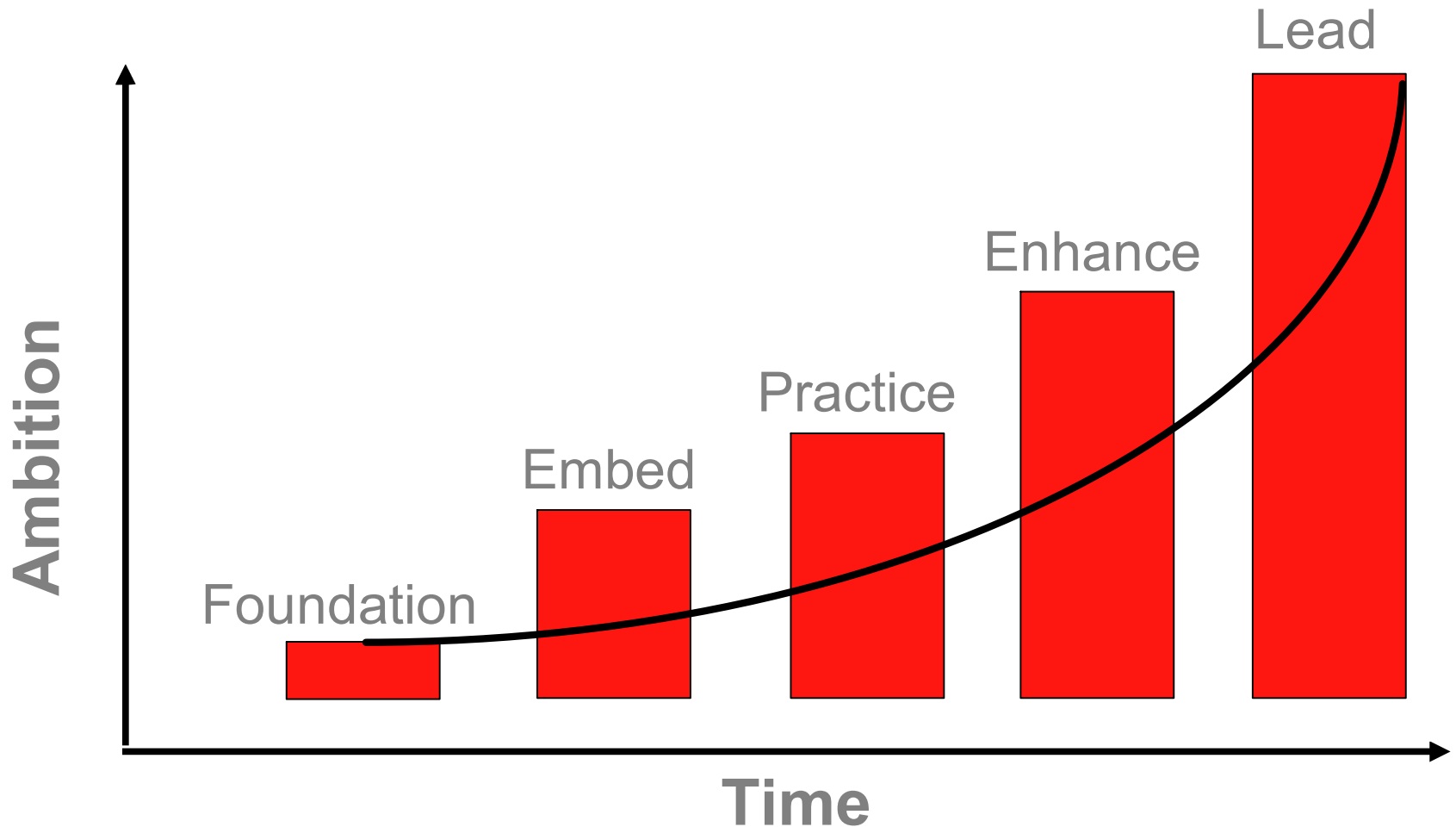
Water

- **Water consumption down** 25% by 2020.

Delivering sustainability through procurement

- 2 Building Blocks of SPTF
- Flexible Framework
- Prioritisation Methodology
 - Risk-based
 - Helps focus resources
- Integrating sustainability throughout the procurement process

Flexible Framework



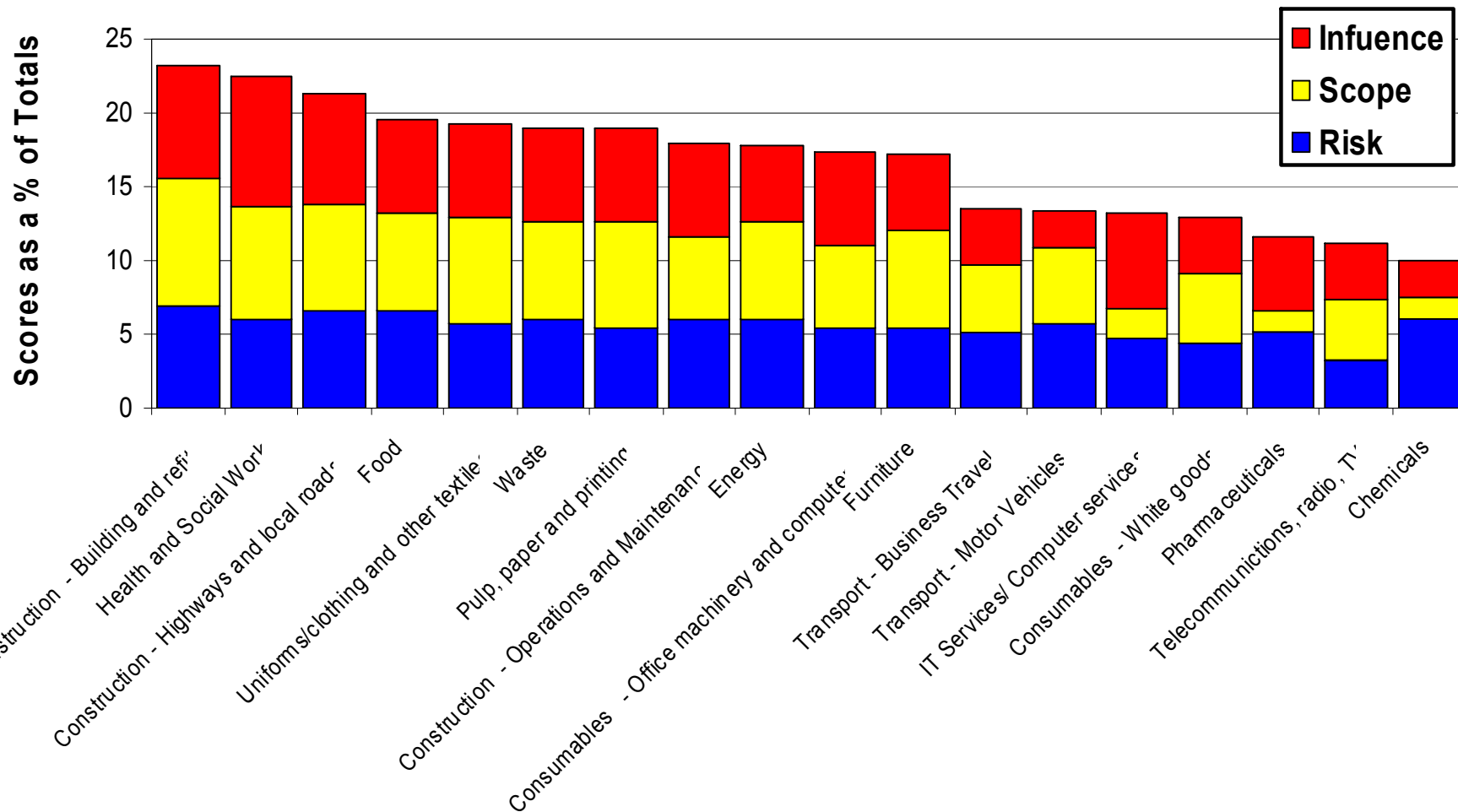
Flexible Framework

- People
- Policy, strategy and communications
- Procurement process
- Engaging suppliers
- Measurement and results
- Defra – to be operating at Level 5 by Autumn 2008

Prioritisation Methodology

- Risk-based approach
 - Expenditure
 - Environmental impact
 - Socio-economic impact
 - Existing activity
 - Scope to do more
 - Influence on the market
 - Reputational risk

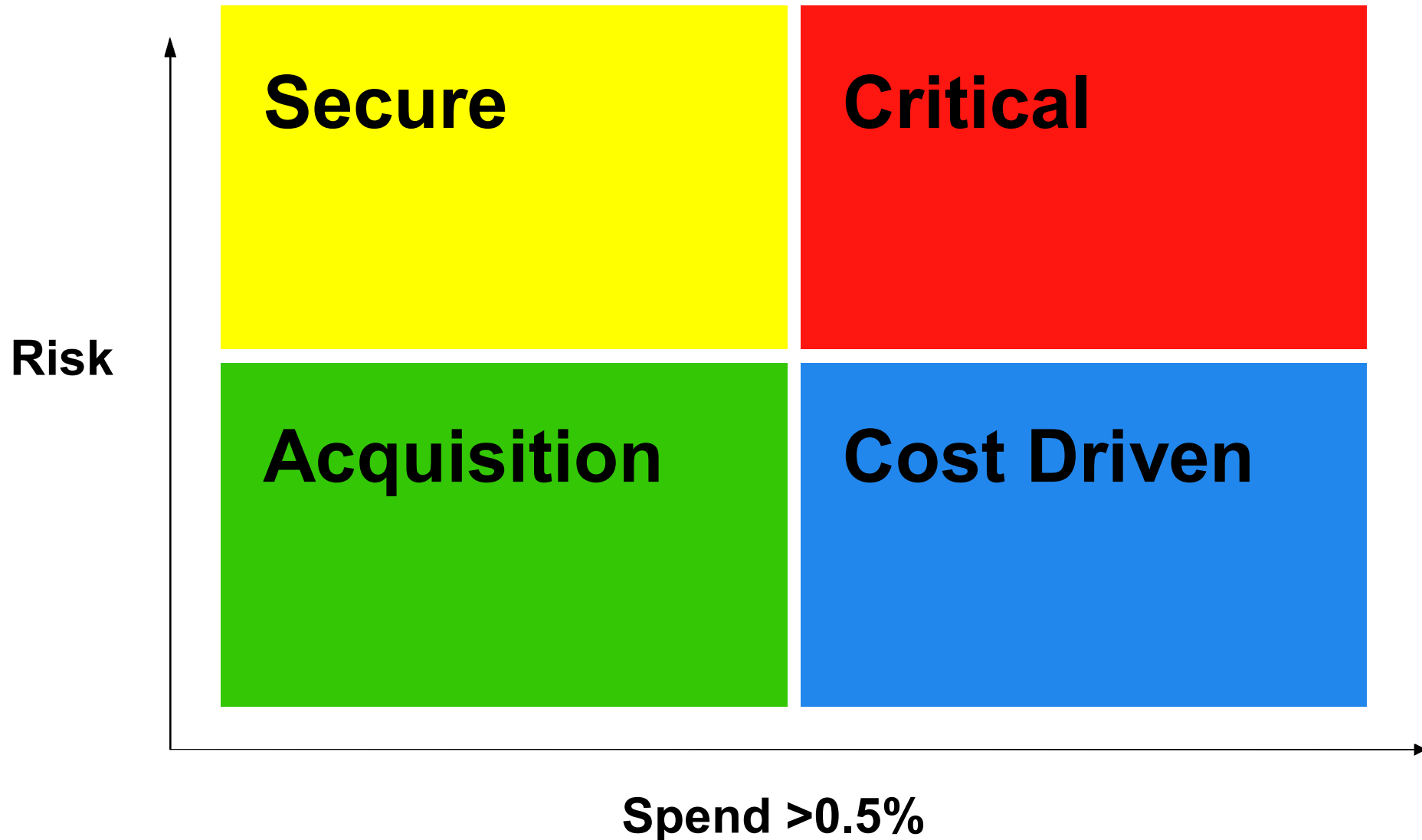
National Priority Spend Areas



Priorities

- Construction
- Health and Social Work
- Food
- Uniforms, clothing and other textiles
- Waste
- Pulp, paper and printing
- Energy
- Consumables – office machinery and computers
- Furniture
- Transport

Prioritise Action - Risk and Spend



Progress to date

- Centre of Expertise on Sustainable Procurement
 - Announced March 2008
 - Office of Government Commerce
 - Chief Sustainability Officer
- Training for other government departments sponsored by Defra during early 2008 – leading by example

Progress to date

- Building blocks being used by:
 - Central government departments
 - Local authorities / municipalities
 - Health and social care procuring agencies
- Monitoring by Sustainable Development Commission
 - Watchdog role
 - Annual reports
- Other scrutiny bodies

Thank you for your attention

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