

TRADING STANDARDS MONITORING

1. The Council have a policy of pooling the expertise and resources available within, in order to ensure that high standards are maintained in the provision of the services for which it is responsible. The support of Trading Standards is available to assist Capital & Asset Management where appropriate in this respect.

In order to allow provision within contracts for the involvement of Trading Standards should this be agreed in consultation and agreement with the CA the following clause is to be inserted in the preliminaries section of specifications/bills of quantities on all schemes for which Capital & Asset Management are responsible.

Preliminary Clauses to be inserted:

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2. The Trading Standards Service within the County Council have a joint active role with Capital & Asset Management in ensuring that goods and services being provided to the Council under the terms of a building or any other form of contract comply fully with the specification, and materials/components with the suppliers own trade description.

In consultation and agreement with the CA Trading Standards may, on a random basis, become involved at any stage during the contract, in pursuit of this aim. In the event that for whatever reason this could occur, the Contractor, by arrangement with the CA, is to allow Trading Standards personnel site access and to provide assistance in the taking of samples of materials or components for analysis, or the execution of inspections or tests.

Costs incurred by the Contractor as a result of the above will be reimbursed under the terms of the contract, unless the tests confirm a failure to meet the requirements of the contract, whereupon an appropriate course of action will need to be agreed.

3. If circumstances arise where it is considered that the involvement of Trading Standards could be appropriate consult Capital & Asset Management.

CONCLUSION

NOTE:

THIS DIRECTIVE IS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJORITY OF SCHEMES BUT IT WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE APPROPRIATE TO ALL WORKS AND THEREFORE ON EACH SCHEME IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CHECK THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.