

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT RE-CARPETING

FAST FACTS:

- In tendering for a carpet supplier, environmental credentials of the product, supplier and fitter were important criteria for the Facilities team.
- Disposal of the old carpet in an environmentally less damaging and legally compliant way was also a consideration.
- An area of 3,587m² will be recarpeted by the end of the project. This equates to approximately a coverage of half a professional football field.
- Recarpeting is a huge project involving IT, Facilities and Building Services; the movement of 221 desks, pcs, monitors and phones, hundreds more screens power cables and so on.

TIMESCALE: April 2010 - April 2011

AIM/OBJECTIVE: A great place to work



WHAT WE DID

- In early 2010, suitable companies were sought for the supply and fitting of carpets for our Head Office in Telford.
- As part of the tender process; consideration was given to the sustainable credentials of the carpet and adhesive; potential lifespan; quality and disposal of the old carpet. The chosen supplier has excellent sustainability credentials.
- The selected tile is supplied by Interface FLOR and contains pre-consumer recycled content. It has a GUT licence number which demonstrates evidence of
 - Environmentally compatible production
 - Compliance with GUT's test criteria on hazardous substances
 - Minimal emissions and odours in new carpets

We ensured with the fitter that the adhesive to be used was also the least environmentally damaging possible and would have least odour, especially as employees would be back working very quickly in the newly carpeted area.

- The carpet being removed is going to a recycling scheme known as "war on waste". We ensured full duty of care documentation and are reassured to know that the old, very worn out carpet can have an even longer extended life through use as...

COMPLIANCE CHECKS:

Facilities, Quality & Environmental Departments worked on establishment of the credentials and necessary documentation.

BENEFITS:

Employees have fantastic new spaces in which to work. The worn out carpet is gone, the walls are repainted and the office layouts changed, maximising light and space throughout.

WHERE WE ARE NOW:

A number of departments remain to be recarpeted and are on plan for completion. We are awaiting final information on how much carpeting will have been recycled and some photographic evidences.

