

Local Supplier Sourcing Policy

Purpose: At Fiddle + Bow Collection, we are committed to supporting our local communities and fostering sustainable business practices. This policy outlines our commitment to prioritising the purchase of goods and services from local suppliers whenever feasible. We are committed to purchasing at least 50% of our non labour expenses from within an 80km radius of the hotel.

Policy:

1. Preference for local suppliers:

- Whenever possible, Fiddle + Bow will give preference to local suppliers when sourcing goods and services.

2. Definition of local suppliers:

- Local suppliers are defined as those businesses located within a specific geographic radius determined by Fiddle + Bow, typically within 80 kilometres from Doolin.

3. Consideration of local impact:

- We will consider the environmental and social impact of sourcing decisions, giving preference to suppliers that align with our values and contribute positively to the local community.

4. Quality and cost considerations:

- While we prioritise local sourcing, the quality and cost-effectiveness of goods and services remain crucial factors. Local suppliers should meet the same standards for quality, reliability, and affordability as non-local suppliers. Our commitment is to seek two quotes whenever considering a new supplier or product. In our effort to support our local community, if the quote from a local supplier is within a maximum of 10% higher than any other quote, we will give preference to the local supplier's quote. This ensures that we prioritise local partnerships while maintaining competitive pricing standards.

5. Supplier diversity:

- We recognise and value diversity among our suppliers, including those owned by individuals from underrepresented groups within our local community.

6. Collaboration with local chambers and organisations:

- We will actively engage with local chambers of commerce and business organisations to identify and connect with potential local suppliers i.e Doolin Tourism and Burren Eco Network

7. Communication and employee awareness:

- Fiddle + Bow communicates the importance of this policy to all employees, fostering awareness and understanding of our commitment to supporting local businesses.

8. Periodic review and updates:

- This policy will be reviewed periodically to assess its effectiveness and relevance. Updates may be made to ensure alignment with the company's goals and changing business landscapes.

By adhering to this Local Supplier Sourcing Policy, we aim to contribute to the economic growth of our local communities, minimise environmental impact, and strengthen our commitment to social responsibility.

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