

Fiddle + Bow Collection

Local Supplier Sourcing Policy

Purpose

At Fiddle + Bow Collection, we are committed to supporting our local economy and fostering sustainable, responsible business practices. This policy outlines our commitment to prioritising the purchase of goods and services from local suppliers wherever feasible, recognising the environmental, social, and economic benefits of local sourcing.

We commit to ensuring that a minimum of 60% of our supplier spend is with local suppliers, subject to quality, availability, food safety, and operational requirements.

Policy

1. Preference for Local Suppliers

Wherever possible, Fiddle + Bow Collection will give preference to local suppliers when sourcing goods and services across all areas of the business.

Local sourcing is considered the default position, with non-local suppliers used where local options are unavailable or unsuitable.

2. Definition of Local Suppliers

Local suppliers are defined as businesses located within Co Clare, unless otherwise specified due to product type or operational necessity.

3. Consideration of Local Impact

In sourcing decisions, we will consider the environmental, social, and economic impacts of our supply chain, giving preference to suppliers that:

- Support the local economy
- Demonstrate responsible business practices
- Align with our values around sustainability and community

4. Quality and Cost Considerations

While local sourcing is prioritised, all suppliers must meet Fiddle + Bow Collection standards for quality, reliability, food safety, and service.

- A minimum of two quotes will be sought where practical when considering new suppliers or products.

- Where a local supplier's quote is within 10% of the lowest comparable quote, preference will be given to the local supplier.
- This approach balances competitive pricing with our commitment to supporting local businesses.

5. Supplier Diversity

We recognise and value diversity within our supplier base and actively support suppliers owned or operated by individuals from underrepresented groups within our local community.

6. Collaboration with Local Organisations

We will actively engage with local business and tourism organisations to identify and connect with potential local suppliers, including:

- Doolin Tourism
- Burren Eco Network

7. Communication and Employee Awareness

This policy is communicated to relevant employees, particularly those involved in purchasing and supplier selection, to ensure awareness of our commitment to local sourcing and responsible procurement.

8. Monitoring, Review, and Continuous Improvement

- Local supplier spend will be reviewed annually as part of our ESG and Impact Framework.
- This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure continued relevance, effectiveness, and alignment with business goals and national sustainability guidance, including Fáilte Ireland frameworks.

By adhering to this Local Supplier Sourcing Policy, Fiddle + Bow Collection aims to support local economic resilience, reduce environmental impact associated with transport, and strengthen our contribution to the communities in which we operate.

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