

# Foreword

This publication is a practical plain English guide:

- for practitioners in the different disciplines about **sustainability for all disciplines**, not just their own
- for the **commissioners of works and services** about how to make them more sustainable
- for **decision-makers** about sustainability generally
- to where they can all go to **find out more** about it
- to what **the law requires** them to do, and what it **allows** them to do.

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- promulgates a comprehensive *Standing Guide to the Commissioning of Local Authority Work and Services* on CD-ROM. This took the place of the CJC's former Code of Practice
- issues guides ad hoc to major technical problems in commissioning and competition
- provides ministers and others with views and advice.

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to see:

- the full list of contents of its Standing Guide
- details of its other current publications
- the full text of CJC responses to major consultation documents
- minutes of its recent meetings
- its current membership.

**Note: numbered sources in brackets throughout this guide are listed at the end of each part.**