

## **Recommendations**

Despite an extensive search, it was not possible to identify any pre-existing materials relating to best-practice with regard to the disposal of any type of electronic waste materials in the UK and very little from sources outwith the UK, a finding that has been supported by colleagues working on larger scale best practice studies. As such, the guidance contained herein must be based on existing knowledge of the waste industry and assumptions as to how the industry, the government and the local authorities may behave when the WEEE Directive comes into force. The research would have benefited from a thorough investigation into the current initiatives being undertaken by the local authorities and their future plans for WEEE handling, however this was not possible within the scope of the research. Furthermore, the researchers were keen to begin developing a decision support mechanism to assist companies both with green procurement practices and provide an aid to support IT managers in deciding the best route to take with regards to upgrade and disposal of equipment. Again, this was not possible within the scope of this research project but would be worthwhile undertaking given the absence of materials available elsewhere.