

**Council
21 October 2009
Decision Summary**

Item 16 - Motion submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14 as to Fairtrade

"On 19 January 2005 the Council resolved, so far as is legally and practically possible, to:

- Promote awareness of Fairtrade issues and make publicity and educational information available to local people concerning the worldwide impact of unfair trade and the opportunities that Fairtrade provides to promote sustainable development;
- Investigate the Council's own purchasing policies and of its suppliers and contractors and purchase Fairtrade where possible;
- Promote Fairtrade issues and practices among local businesses and commercial and other organisations;
- Investigate ways to support local producers, in line with the philosophy of Fairtrade; and
- Develop a strategy to make the Council a 'Fairtrade Council'.

The Council now recommends that Cabinet should resolve to:

(a) endorse the motion on Fair Trade of 19 January 2005, and

(b) implement any such endorsement that Cabinet may make by

- Supporting the principles of fair trade
- Working in partnership with local and regional groups and organisations supporting fair trade
- Working with the community and other local organizations towards the award of Fairtrade Town status for Huddersfield and subsequently Kirklees and supporting the establishment of a Fairtrade Steering Group for Huddersfield and subsequently Kirklees
- Subject to the duty to act in accordance with the principles of the European Union Treaties and with EU public procurement rules and the duty of Best Value, in pursuit of sustainable development, incorporating Fairtrade principles into the Council's purchase of catering and other products and to serve Fairtrade products at Council meetings and in Council offices wherever possible.

The Council reiterates its commitment to Fairtrade but also recognises the more important priority of promoting and supporting local businesses and suppliers, where legally possible, as endorsed by the current Kirklees Mayor, especially in the present economic climate.

This Council consequently recognises and acknowledges that local traders should not be adversely affected by any Fairtrade initiatives the Council may undertake."