

Council

21 February 2002

02/09

MOTION: USE OF FAIR TRADE GOODS

Councillor Taylor proposed and Councillor Bagnall seconded the following motion:

'This Council welcomes the initiatives by the Cambridge Fairtrade Committee to encourage the use of fair trade goods, and notes that the Council, as an important consumer and opinion leader, should research, develop, and support a strategy to facilitate fair trade where appropriate as part of its commitment to Local Agenda 21 and in pursuit of the objective of sustainable development.

It therefore resolves:

1. To express its support for the Cambridge Fair Trade Committee and for the principles of fair trade.
2. To ask the Environment Committee or its successor under the new executive arrangements to consider ways to:
 - promote awareness of fair trade issues and the opportunities for supporting fair trade in the area
 - make publicity and educational information available to local people concerning the worldwide impact of unfair trade and the opportunities that fair trade provides to sustainable development
 - make the Council's employees, the public and local businesses aware of the Council's resolution on fair trade
 - encourage the use of fair trade goods, for example products carrying the Fairtrade Mark and products in vending machines
 - request the Council's venues to stock Fairtrade products in addition to other brands
 - integrate fair trade considerations into the Council's Environment Plan in support of the Council's corporate objective to improve the environment.
3. To ask the Director of Environment and Planning to nominate an officer to liaise with the Cambridge Fairtrade Committee on implementing this resolution.
4. To ask the Director of Environment and Planning to report annually to the Environment Committee on progress made with implementing this resolution.'

Under Standing Order 7 it was agreed to deal with the motion at the meeting.

Resolved

(unanimously) that the motion be adopted as proposed.