



REPORT TO	Council
DATE:	1 March 2006
REPORTING OFFICER:	Head of Legal & Democratic Services (<i>Mr A West – Member Services Manager</i>)
SUBJECT:	NOTICE OF MOTION – FAIRTRADE
WARD/S AFFECTED:	N/A
FORWARD PLAN REF:	N/A

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report back to the Council on the deliberations of the Cabinet in connection with the Notice of Motion referred from the Council on 7 December 2005, in connection with the Fairtrade status of the district.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the action of the Cabinet be accepted.

3.0 RECOMMENDED REASONS FOR DECISIONS

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION

- 4.1 N/A

5.0 THE REPORT

- 5.1 Council, at its meeting held on 7 December 2005, received the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Cooper and seconded by Councillor Jean Butterfield.

“The Council supports the aims of the Fairtrade Foundation (indeed the Cabinet intends to appoint a Fairtrade Champion) to tackle poverty by enabling disadvantaged producers from poor countries to receive a better deal for their labours:

The Council:

- Will take practical steps to support those aims as part of the Council's commitment to Local Agenda 21, including offering Fairtrade coffee and tea at its meetings and will implement Fairtrade principles in its purchasing policies where possible;
- Supports the local campaign for Harrogate to become a Fairtrade Borough;
- Commits itself to promote awareness of Fairtrade through the Council's website.

5.2 In accordance with Standing Order 10(6)(a), the Notice of Motion was referred to the Cabinet for consideration. The Notice of Motion was, therefore, considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 December 2005. A copy of the relevant Minute from that meeting is appended to this report, and from which Members' will note that the actions sought by the Notice of Motion were such as to satisfy the Fairtrade Foundation's requirements for the Council to declare itself a Fairtrade District.

5.3 In unanimously approving the Notice of Motion, Cabinet also appointed the Chair of the Council Resources Overview and Scrutiny Commission, Councillor Andrew Jones as Member Champion for Fairtrade purposes.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

6.1 The adoption by Cabinet of the principles set out in the Notice of Motion, which will be progressed by the respective Officers are such that the Council meets the Fairtrade Foundation's criteria to become a Fairtrade District.

Background Papers:

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SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

		Implications are		
		Positive	Neutral	Negative
A	Economy		✓	
B	Environment		✓	
C	Social Equity	✓		

(i)	General			
(ii)	Customer Care/People with Disabilities			
(iii)	Health Implications			
D	Crime and Disorder Implications		✓	

If all comments lie within the shaded areas, the proposal is sustainable.

KEY WORDS -