

OXFORD FAIR TRADE COALITION - MOTION FROM THE LEADER

"This Council welcomes the initiatives by the Oxford Fair Trade Coalition 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 sustainable development.

It, therefore, resolves:-

1. to express its support for the Oxford Fair Trade Coalition and for the principles of fair trade;
2. to promote awareness of fair trade issues and the opportunities for supporting fair trade in the area;
3. to make publicity and educational information available to local people concerning the worldwide impact of unfair trade and the opportunities that fair trade provides for sustainable development;
4. to make the Council's employees, the public and local businesses aware of the Council's resolution on fair trade;
5. to encourage the use of fair trade goods, for example, products carrying the Fair Trade mark and products in vending machines;
6. to request the Council's venues to stock fair trade products in addition to other brands;
7. to integrate fair trade considerations into the Council's Environment Plan in support of the Council's corporate objective to improve the environment;
8. to nominate an officer to liaise with the Oxford Fair Trade Coalition on implementing the resolution;
9. to incorporate the fair trade initiative into Oxford's bid to become a "City of Culture";
10. to report annually on progress made with implementing this resolution."