

NOTICE OF MOTION**FAIR TRADE**

“This Council:

Welcomes the City’s renewal in December 2015 of its Fairtrade City status - first awarded in 2004.

Congratulates the work of the Fairtrade Steering Group over the past years in promoting fair trade to businesses, buyers and consumers and building a partnership which includes Brighton University (the flagship employer), local fair trade retailers and business owners, the Brighton and Hove Food Partnership, faith groups, schools, Councillor representatives on the steering group and Council staff.

Endorses the help being given to the Steering Group by the Economic Development team to promote fair trade to local businesses.

This Council resolves:

To support Fairtrade Fortnight 29th February to 13th March and encourage its suppliers, partners and staff to celebrate the event, which is themed “Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers”.

To request that Officers draw attention to the educational benefits of fair trade and raise awareness of Fairtrade Fortnight by highlighting it in the Schools Bulletin and suggesting ways in which schools might participate.

To request the Policy & Resources Committee to maintain the Council’s commitment to fair trade as part of the Minimum Buying Standards for food and catering contracts, and to look for opportunities to increase its commitment to buying fair trade as much as current budget constraints allow.

Supporting information:

Brighton and Hove’s commitment to fair trade fits with the city’s high levels of interest in ethical business. Fair trade is a sustainable way of trading internationally by giving producers the financial security they need to plan their lives, educate their children and invest properly in their businesses. This in turn gives them resilience and stability, improving global security and in the long term reducing the need for migration.

