

## **Notice of Motion**

### **Motion to be moved by Councillor Haines:**

Council notes Hull has been awarded Fairtrade City status since 2005, and in 2025 Hull celebrates 20 years of supporting Fairtrade and the ethos of promoting social justice that it represents.

The multi-sector Hull Fairtrade Partnership Group, supported by Hull City Council, promotes the Fairtrade message through events and campaigns. This year, in addition to those, the City now has 'Fairtrade City' signs installed at most of the boundaries; a City Centre flowerbed is displaying the Fairtrade logo, and the buildings in Queen Victoria Square will be lit up in the Fairtrade colours for several evenings in September.

Council resolves to renew and reaffirm its commitment to, and support for, the Fairtrade movement, recognising the value that Fairtrade brings to farmers and workers who produce goods for us, by enabling them to improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses, and protect our shared environment.

Council also resolves to continue to work with others in the City to promote Fairtrade values and provide information on the practical steps we can all take to ensure farmers and workers can provide for their families, develop their communities sustainably and take on the worst effects of climate change.

Council recognises, as part of its own commitment to deal with the effects of climate change, that a commitment to Fairtrade is also a commitment to a greener, fairer future globally.

To this end, Hull City Council resolves to:

- Ask the Executive to ensure that the Council offers Fairtrade food and drink options internally and in our catering offer, also consider Fairtrade cotton for staff uniforms and other opportunities to use Fairtrade products.
- Ask the Executive to ensure that a commitment to fairer trade is recognised as a way to deliver against other sustainability commitments.
- Make sure posts promoting Fairtrade and celebrating the local Fairtrade City commitment are regularly posted on social media channels.
- Use influence to encourage local businesses to offer Fairtrade options.
- Continue to nominate Council representatives (Members and Officers) to be active members of the Hull Fairtrade Partnership Group and support ongoing work to promote Fairtrade.

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- Support local Fairtrade events, including by providing facilities where local campaigners can meet and host events.
- Organise events and publicity during National Fairtrade Fortnight, the annual national campaign to promote sales of products with the Fairtrade Mark.

Sources:

<https://news.hull.gov.uk/01/08/2023/hulls-fairtrade-commitment-recognised/>

<https://news.hull.gov.uk/13/02/2025/signs-erected-to-celebrate-20-years-as-a-fairtrade-city-for-hull/>