

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- **COUNCIL**

Date of Meeting:- 23 November 2004

Agenda Item No:-
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Accompanying Comments and Statements	Required	Included
Environmental Impact Statement:	No	No
Corporate Management Team Comments:	Yes	Yes
Financial Comments:	No	No
Legal Comments:	Yes	Yes
Personnel Comments:	No	No
Impact on Customers:	No	No

Title:- **FAIR TRADE CITY RESOLUTION**

Report of:- **Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

Report reference:- **LDS 52/04**

Summary:-

Members may recall that at the meeting of the City Council on 1st June 2004 under Minute C.129/04 the Council passed the following resolution in response to a notice of motion:-

“That Carlisle City Council supports in principle the aims of the Fair Trade Group in Carlisle to turn Carlisle into a Fair Trade City.”

Following the Council resolution, the Fair Trade City Group wrote to the Council expressing appreciation for the support for the campaign to achieve Fair Trade City status for Carlisle which it had received from the Council, but pointed out that the Fair Trade Foundation required a more strongly worded resolution than that which had been passed by the Council on 1st June if Fair Trade City status was to be conferred on the City. A copy of the letter from the Fair Trade City Group is attached as Appendix A. I have also attached at Appendix B a suggested resolution for the Council to consider, which has been put forward by the Fair Trade Group and which they say would be acceptable to the Fair Trade Foundation in considering the Carlisle Fair Trade City Group's application for Fair

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

Trade City status. In effect, it simply amplifies and gives a fuller explanation of the City's position as a supporter of the Fair Trade initiative than did the earlier resolution

Recommendation:-

It is a matter for the Council to decide whether it is prepared to support the request from the Fair Trade Group by strengthening its previous resolution. If it is, then the Council is asked to consider passing the expanded formal resolution set out in Appendix B.

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10 November 2004

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16th September, 2004

Dear Sir/Madam

Re.: Fairtrade City resolution

Further to your letter of 03/09/2004, I am writing on behalf of the Carlisle Fairtrade City group. We very much appreciate the unanimous support we have received from Carlisle City Council and the resolution passed on 01/06/2004 under Minute C.129/04, which supported the campaign in principle.

We are very close now to gaining Fairtrade City status for Carlisle. However, unfortunately, the Fairtrade Foundation requires a more strongly worded resolution than that already passed. They require:

1. that the City Council support the concept of Fairtrade itself;
2. that this support is shown through action by the City Council providing Fairtrade tea, coffee and other items where appropriate;
3. that both of these are demonstrated through a resolution of the City Council.

Although we know that Carlisle City Council already makes Fairtrade refreshments available, the Fairtrade Foundation requires that this is noted in a resolution before Fairtrade City status can be conferred. The model wording for such a resolution, provided by the Fairtrade Foundation, is enclosed, as are examples of actual resolution wordings accepted by the Fairtrade Foundation, from Chester and Cambridge City Councils. Please note that the media campaign and events/publicity aspects of the Fairtrade Town Initiative outlined in the model resolution would be carried out by a standing committee (already in existence), which the City Council would be invited to join, via a representative.

We hope the City Council will be able to consider an amended resolution at the meeting on 28/09/2004, and look forward very much to hearing from you subsequently.

Yours faithfully

Lorna Strong

Lorna Strong, Secretary

APPENDIX A

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CARLISLE FAIR TRADE – RESOLUTION

Carlisle City Council welcomes the Initiative by the Carlisle Fair Trade Group 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. Carlisle City Council would support the campaign for the City to be recognised by the residents and business community, suppliers, employees and other local authorities as a City that actively supports and promotes fair trade and to increase the sale of products with the Fair Trade mark.

Carlisle City Council resolves to contribute to the campaign to increase sales of products with the Fair Trade mark by supporting the Carlisle Fair Trade City Group's application to achieve Fair Trade status for Carlisle as detailed in the Fair Trade Foundation's Fair Trade Towns Initiative.

The Initiative involves a commitment to:-

- widely offer Fair Trade marked food and drink options internally and make them available for internal meetings;
- promote the Fair Trade mark using Fair Trade Foundation materials in refreshment areas and promoting the Fair Trade Towns Initiative in internal communications and external newsletters;
- use influence to urge local retailers to provide Fair Trade options for residents and urge local businesses to offer Fair Trade options to their staff and promote the Fair Trade mark internally;
- to engage in a media campaign to publicise the Fair Trade Towns Initiative;
- to allocate responsibility to the Head of for progression of the Fair Trade Towns Initiative;
- to support events staged by the Carlisle Fair Trade City Group during National Fair Trade fortnight.