

*The following motion was moved by Councillor Geekie at a meeting of East Dunbartonshire Council on 10 November 2016, with unanimous support.*

East Dunbartonshire Council supports the principles of Fair Trade and, as an important consumer, the promotion and purchase of Fair Trade goods as part of our commitment to sustainable development

The Council resolves:

1. To offer Fair Trade goods - for example products carrying the Fairtrade Mark - wherever possible and available, when catering for Council meetings and functions.
2. To implement Fair Trade through our procurement processes and those of our suppliers wherever possible.
3. To appoint a named Council representative to support the work of the East Dunbartonshire Fairtrade Steering Group and to make other staff and resources available as and when appropriate and available.
4. To promote Fair Trade issues and practices among local business, commercial and other organisations.
5. To support the Group's communication plan.
6. To share best practice with regard to Fair Trade and sustainable development with other public bodies, stakeholders and partners.
7. To work with the Steering Group to ensure that East Dunbartonshire continues to meet and exceed the requirements necessary to maintain its status as a Fairtrade Zone.

Through the Council's Sustainability and Climate Change Framework, we will aim to set targets and indicators to allow us to monitor the delivery of these commitments by the various Council Services involved. Progress will be reported via the biennial Fairtrade Zone renewal bids submitted to the Fairtrade Foundation by the East Dunbartonshire Fair Trade Steering Group.