

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION

CABINET

ITEM:	FAIRTRADE STATUS
Members Present:	Councillors RJ Phillips (Leader), GV Hyde, Mrs LO Barnett, PJ Edwards, Mrs JP French, DB Wilcox, RM Wilson
Date of Decision:	28 April 2005
Purpose:	To support the community initiative to secure Fairtrade Foundation status for the county.
Decision:	<p>THAT (a) the Council be recommended to pass a resolution supporting Fairtrade, and serve Fairtrade coffee and tea at its meetings and in offices and canteens;</p> <p>(b) the Council seek to attract popular support for the campaign across Herefordshire to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairtrade products are used by a number of local work places and community organisations; and • Fairtrade produce is readily available in local shops and served in local cafes and catering establishments. <p>(c) the local Fairtrade Steering Group be supported; and</p> <p>(d) the Council's Procurement Strategy and Code of Practice for the regulation of contracts for works, services and suppliers are revised to reflect a commitment to Fair-trade and that local Herefordshire producers and their products are used where they offer good value for money and their selection is in accordance with the council's legal obligations, for example, in relation to European procurement rules.</p>
Reasons for the Decision:	To demonstrate a commitment as part of an overall Procurement Strategy to improving the environment and social justice by preferentially purchasing products which are organically and/or ethically produced.
Options Considered:	There are no alternative options recommended.
Declaration of Interest:	None

COUNCILLOR RJ PHILLIPS:..... Date:.....
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

