

SUBJECT: MONMOUTHSHIRE FAIRTRADE COUNTY RENEWAL

MEETING: INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION – Councillor Sara Jones

DATE: September 2017

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: County-wide

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To seek approval for the attached report which will form the basis of our application to the Fairtrade Foundation to renew our status as a Fairtrade County.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 To approve the attached report (Appendix 1) and supporting evidence (Appendix 2) as an accurate record of the progress made by Monmouthshire County Council to promote Fairtrade from 2014 to date.
- 2.2 To approve the actions that are proposed in the report as Monmouthshire County Council's commitments towards promoting Fairtrade from 2017 to 2019.
- 2.3 To authorise the Sustainability Policy Officer to submit this report to the Fairtrade Foundation to renew our Fairtrade County status.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 Monmouthshire County Council needs to renew its Fairtrade County status by submitting a report on progress to date and actions for the next 2 years.

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 Monmouthshire County Council's Fairtrade Resolution was passed by full Council in May 2007 and endorsed by Cabinet 25th July 2007. Fairtrade County status was first awarded to Monmouthshire by the Fairtrade Foundation in November 2008.
- 4.2 To keep our status as a Fairtrade County, this needs to be renewed every two years, and renewal is due now.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 None at present. The actions contained in our renewal can be delivered within existing staff resources.

6. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

6.1 Renewing Monmouthshire's Fairtrade County status contributes to multiple wellbeing goals and has benefits for Monmouthshire and for the global community. Work is delivered in close partnership with community groups, schools, Fairtrade Wales, businesses and others, and raises awareness of Fairtrade amongst people in the county. Local businesses benefit from being able to promote themselves as a fair trade venue and farmers and growers across the world benefit from guaranteed, fair prices for their work and premiums which they can invest in their communities. There are no negative impacts.

7. CONSULTEES:

Monmouth, Usk, Chepstow and Abergavenny Fairtrade Forums
Fairtrade Wales

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Appendix 1 - Monmouthshire Fairtrade County Renewal 2017
Appendix 2 - Evidence for Fairtrade County Renewal

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