

# Midlothian Council

## Labour Group

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Item No 7.1

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### **Notice of Motion**

#### **The International Fair Trade Charter**

The International Fair Trade Charter is a comprehensive document that lays out the purpose and aims of Fair Trade, as agreed by the World Fair Trade Organisation and Fairtrade International, two of the biggest global Fair Trade organisations.

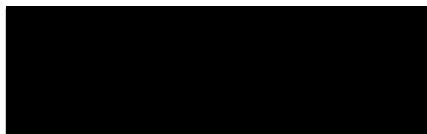
The objectives of the Charter are:-

- 1. To support the work of Fair Trade Organizations in raising awareness among consumers and citizens of the importance and impact of Fair Trade, so that more people will be inspired to join and support it.**
- 2. To facilitate collaboration among Fair Trade Organizations by connecting their specific missions and strategies with the common philosophy of the movement, and to promote collaboration with the solidarity economy, organic agriculture movements and others that fight for similar goals to the Fair Trade movement.**
- 3. To enable others who work with Fair Trade Organizations (in government, academia or the private sector) to recognise the values and approaches that unite the global movement.**

Signing up to the Charter allows organisations such as this Council to strengthen its support for the principles of Fair Trade in the local area, whilst strengthening the role of the Charter itself.

Midlothian Council therefore agrees in principle to support the aims and objectives of the charter and instructs that officers bring a report to the August Council meeting detailing any possible implications there may be, financial or otherwise, prior to Midlothian Council formally adopting the charter.

Moved:



**Councillor Jim Muirhead**

Seconded:



**Councillor Margot Russell**