

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR AND CO-OPERATIVE GROUP****CHARTER AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY**

This council resolves to ask for a report to the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee detailing:

- (1) The implications of signing up to the Charter Against Modern Slavery, which will commit the council to 10 action points, including to:
 - Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
 - Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery
 - Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
- (2) How to ensure staff are made aware and trained as appropriate in identifying possible instances of modern slavery.

Proposed by: Cllr Cattell

Seconded by: Cllr Daniel

Supporting information

<https://party.coop/policy/modern-slavery-charter/>

The Cooperative Party campaign highlights that there were an estimated 13,000 victims of Modern Slavery in the UK in 2013.

Modern Slavery is a term used to cover many types of exploitation, including sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, forced labour and criminal exploitation, as well as other forms of exploitation including organ removal, forced begging, forced benefit fraud, forced marriage and illegal adoption.

“Traffickers and slave masters use whatever means they have at their disposal to coerce, deceive and force individuals into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment.”

“The Co-operative Party's Charter Against Modern slavery goes further than existing law and guidance, committing councils to proactively vetting their own supply chain to ensure no instances of modern slavery are taking place.”

Supporting this charter will be in line with the council's existing work to:

- Ensure social value from our procurement, and to ensure our procurement practices do not cause social harm
- Combat the exploitation occurring as part of County Lines drug-dealing.

