

Council Executive 18 February 2020 – Budget Consultation Feedback

Additional Budget consultation feedback received late on 17 February 2020 via email

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Bradford Fairtrade Zone would like the Council to ensure that Fairtrade is reflected in the Council's budget narrative and consideration is given to the role that the district's Fairtrade groups can play in supporting the Council in initiatives to tackle climate change. It is not known widely enough, that Fairtrade helps to address climate change and protect the environment. Together with economic and social criteria, Fairtrade certification standards include environmental criteria which emphasise ecologically and agriculturally sound practices, including responsible water and waste management, preserving bio diversity and soil fertility, and minimal use of pesticides and agrochemicals.

Information about the Fairtrade standards and climate change mitigation measures can be found on the Fairtrade International website: www.fairtrade.net

Fairtrade certified products link us directly with the farmers and workers in developing countries who are being hardest hit by climate change, and who, with the support of the global Fairtrade system, are finding ways to tackle it, and farm and work in the required environmentally sustainable ways.

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