

20. BATHGATE FAIRTRADE TOWN AND WEST LOTHIAN FAIRTRADE ZONE APPLICATIONS

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services which provided information on Bathgate Fairtrade Town Steering Group's current bid for Fairtrade Town status. Agreement was also requested to nominate elected member representation on the Steering Group.

The report advised that the Steering Group had met regularly for over a year and planned or helped to promote a number of events throughout the year, in particular during Fairtrade Fortnight 2011, which saw up to 100 Fairtrade related activities going on around the county in school, churches, work and public places.

As a result of the work carried out the West Lothian Fairtrade Zone Steering Group was of the view that the criteria set out by the Fairtrade Foundation had been achieved and was in the process of submitting its application for Zone Status:

It was recommended that the Council Executive support the Bathgate application to bid for Fairtrade Town status and agree to nominate elected member representation on the Steering Group.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report and agreed that the three local ward members, Councillors William Boyle, John McGinty and Jim Walker be nominated to sit on the local steering group.