

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

20 February 2024

Notice of Motion No. 2024-01 – Supporting Wiltshire Farmers and Food Producers

From Cllr Nabil Najjar and Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall

To consider the following motion submitted in accordance with the constitution:

Wiltshire Council is committed to supporting local farmers and food producers across our county. Britain has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world and Wiltshire Council should engage and work in partnership with our poultry, arable and livestock farmers to ensure they can continue to enhance our countryside, and contribute to our nation's food security.

The Council must work to support them by being sympathetic to diversification opportunities and by promoting local produce through our new Wiltshire Marque labelling programme.

As a Council, we will be vocal in opposing attempts to diminish the role our meat, dairy, and arable farmers play in our rural way of life.

In line with our environmental commitments, Wiltshire Council should, where practical, provide food at council events sourced from local suppliers. This includes meat, fish, dairy, fruit, and vegetables.

Wiltshire Council should also work to raise awareness of the importance of shopping locally, wherever possible, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable, and nutritious food, especially through our farm shops, reducing the “food miles” on our plates and supporting our producers.