

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
19th December 2000

MOTION BY MR. P.G. ALLNATT: BACON

Introduction

1. The following motion by Mr. Allnatt was referred to this Committee for consideration and report by the County Council on 21st November, 2000:-

“In view of the continuing plight in Wiltshire of the pig industry, the County Council confirms that it recognises the quality and value of local produce and recognises that local bacon is purchased for consumption in County Council premises where that represents value for money.”

Background

2. Wiltshire Direct Services aim, wherever possible, to buy British produce.
3. In aiming to buy British, WDS are, however, mindful of:
 - cost;
 - distribution and delivery at times and sites which are acceptable.
4. In considering any purchasing policy the WDS and County Council need to be mindful of Section 17 of the Local Government Act 1988. This Section makes it unlawful to take into account non-commercial considerations in exercising any decision relating to contracts for the supply of goods.
5. Included in the definition of “non-commercial” is:

“the country or territory of origin of supplies to or location in any country or territory or the business activities or interests of contractors.”

Conclusion

6. The Committee is asked to consider a response to the County Council in relation to Mr. Allnatt’s motion.

PETER SMITH
Director of Corporate Services

Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: Notes from WDS and bacon suppliers.

Environmental impact of the recommendations contained in this report: None.