

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR GROUP****FUR FREE CITY**

This Council resolves to request the Policy & Resources Committee:

- To consider the introduction of a policy to prohibit the sale of any product wholly or partially made with real animal fur on Council owned land and at Council run or Council leased markets. This ban to cover such items as fur coats, vintage fur, fur shawls, garments with fur trim, fur pompom hats, and fur accessories and trinkets.
- To explore the viability of extending said policy to the sale of leather.
- To support the Fur Free Markets campaign of the animal welfare charity, Respect for Animals, the UK's leading anti-fur organisation, by:
 - a) Becoming a signatory to the initiative; and
 - b) Seeking the advice and assistance of the charity in the enforcement of this ban.

Proposed by: Cllr Fowler

Seconded by: Cllr Pissaridou

Supporting information

- The United Kingdom has outlawed the farming of animals for their fur on ethical grounds since 2000 and that the use of one of the most common traps used to catch animals for their fur has been illegal for many years.
- Nonetheless fur products are imported from overseas nations, particularly China, where such bans do not operate and where there is virtually no animal welfare legislation in force.
- Real fur comes from animals raised in deplorable conditions or trapped in the wild and killed inhumanely.

Regrettably these products are often found for sale on public markets in the UK and customers can inadvertently buy them thinking they are synthetics.

