

NOTICE OF MOTION

Date of Full Council Meeting:- 14th December 2023

Title of Motion:- Backing Dorset's farmers and food producers

Proposer:- Cllr B Quayle

Seconder:- Cllr M Roberts

Supported by:-

Cllr N Lacey-Clarke

Cllr S Christopher

Cllr L O'Leary

Cllr S Jespersen

Cllr B Goringe

Cllr J Haynes

Cllr P Batstone

Cllr M Penfold

Cllr J Robinson

Cllr C Brooks

Cllr J Somper

Cllr C Jones

Cllr S Flower

Cllr A Parry

Cllr M Parkes

Cllr A Brenton

Cllr P Brown

Cllr B Ezzard

Motion Narrative: -

Dorset Council is committed to supporting local farmers and food producers. Britain has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world and Dorset Council should engage and work in partnership with our poultry, arable and livestock farmers to ensure their ability to enhance our countryside and with our fishing industry to protect the oceans. We need to strive to support them by being sympathetic to diversification opportunities and promotion of local produce. We will be vocal in opposing excessive regulation by central government, enabling them to prosper. Keeping in mind our commitment to climate change, Dorset Council should, wherever possible, commit to ensuring food provided at all council events is sourced from local suppliers. This includes meat, fish, dairy and plant-based produce. Dorset Council should also encourage people, wherever possible, to shop locally, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable, and nutritious food, both plant and meat based, thus reducing the "food miles" on our plates.