

TO: **MARKETS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday 4 July 2012

FROM: **ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY
SUB COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 22 May 2012

6. THE SUSTAINABLE FISH CITY CAMPAIGN

The Sub Committee discussed a report of the Town Clerk informing Members of the 'Sustainable Fish City Campaign', a programme promoted by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers and Sustain.

The Sub Committee was assured that the Markets Department had been informed of the report and that they would be encouraging the traders to take advantage of the new market opportunity. Some traders were already trading under MSC accreditation.

Concern was raised over whether the market traders were aware and content with the scheme. The Sub Committee could not commit the Market traders to comply with the scheme. They wanted to refer the scheme to the Markets Committee for them to consider with the tenants.

Members were informed that MSC accreditation could be a costly and bureaucratic process, with two different certifications, one for fisheries and another for suppliers, which may discourage small companies from seeking accreditation.

However, the Sub Committee was keen to agree the pledge on behalf of the City Corporation and its own use and promotion of sustainable fish.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) it be agreed that the City of London Corporation sign up to the Sustainable Fish City Pledge; and
- b) the report be submitted to the Markets Committee to consider any future implications on the Billingsgate Market traders, with the Committee to report back in six months.