

Ending Live Animal Exports For Slaughter

This Council Meeting welcomes the Governments proposed ban on live animal exports for slaughter and fattening and consultation on how to better protect animal welfare during transport.

This Council Meeting recognises that the UK is a world leader on animal welfare and these proposals to prevent unnecessary suffering of animals during transport and ban live animal export for slaughter and fattening will see the UK become the first country in Europe to end this practice.

This Council notes the RSPCA statement "Animals are not objects. Much like us, sentient animals are aware of their feelings and emotions. Their lives matter to them and they have the same capacity to feel joy and pleasure, as well as pain and suffering".

This Council further notes that with a Sentience Bill currently in draft form, some progress towards recognising animal sentience has been made.

This Council Meeting there resolves to;

- Request that Stockport Council responds to the Government's consultation to animal welfare in transport in support of ending live export of animals for slaughter and fattening and improvement of welfare in transport prior to the 28 January 2021 closure date;
- Publish this Council's consultation response on the Council website; and
- Promote the consultation and encourage public participation via the Council's social media channels and website.

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