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A1 Food

Reducing the carbon footprint of food at Aberdeen City Council

Food procurement contracts in both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils have required suppliers to think differently about their transport miles, involvement of local supplies and the promoting of local economic development.

This presentation will focus particularly on red meat procurement and the opportunities for local economies and societies, through sustaining jobs and supply chains, as well as providing guarantees on animal health and welfare and a greater appreciation of where our food comes from.

This presentation will give a practical example of how the two Councils, working along side the Scottish Government and Quality Meat Scotland, have developed contract terminology to take account of sustainable development objectives when awarding contracts for food and catering services.

Resumé

Craig Innes is Head of Joint Procurement across both Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils where procurement is a shared service. Craig has responsibility for the procurement of all goods and services with a combined portfolio value of in excess of £500M per annum. He has extensive experience in public sector procurement delivering a Strategic Business Plan aligned to a Responsible Procurement Policy which delivered savings of £4.5M in the first year. He is viewed as a lead professional across Scotland in the field of sustainable procurement. The two Councils were the first Scotland to develop standard guidelines on sustainable procurement and these are now being used by the Scottish Government to develop guidance to other local authorities.