

GLA 23/8.2

Supermarket Protocol

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Issue

1. To update the Board on the GLA and Supermarket protocol consultation.

Recommendation

2. The Board is invited to note the update.

Background

3. A consultation on the GLA's draft protocol with the supermarkets was published on 8 May. A copy of the consultation is attached at annex A. The closing date for responses is 31 July 2009.
4. The consultation is bring all interested parties into the process so that the protocol treats everybody equally and fairly. Coverage of the consultation in the trade press has expressed concern that suppliers could be disadvantaged by the protocol.
5. Only one response has been received so far – Board members are requested to encourage those affected to submit their views forward.
6. A number of the supermarkets have already run events with their suppliers. The feedback from these events will be taken into account alongside the responses received to the consultation. The GLA also hopes to arrange consultation events with the NFU and FPC.