

# GLA 24/8.2

## Supermarket Protocol

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Issue

1. To update the Board on the progress of the GLA Protocol with Major Retailers and their Suppliers.

Recommendation

2. The Board is invited to note the update.

Background

3. A consultation document on the draft protocol between the GLA and retailers was published on 8 May 2009, and closed on 31 July 2009. Eight written responses were received.
4. Over the same period, several events were held to consult with suppliers on both the draft Protocol and a draft guide for labour users.
5. Since then, the GLA has worked with retailers and suppliers to amend both the Protocol and the Guide taking into account responses received in the course of the consultation process.
6. A summary of consultation responses and resultant changes to the Protocol and Guide is attached at Annex A.
7. A revised version of the Protocol, including the Guide, is attached at Annex B.
8. A further consultation on the revised Protocol will be held shortly. Retailers have suggested a shorter period of consultation, of four or six weeks, to allow speedy progress of the Protocol.
9. Board members are requested to encourage those affected to respond to the upcoming consultation.