

SCP005- Fresh Food Policy

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1. This Council Notes

State the facts surrounding the policy proposal

1. Currently unsold fresh food (Ginsters, Urban Eat etc) from the SU shops is sent back to the retailers whom the SU purchase from. This is on a “sale or return” basis, so there is non-financial risk to the Students’ Union.
2. Any unsold food that is not on a “sale or return” agreement is currently donated to a food bank volunteer project.
3. Due to the nature of volunteering projects there may not always be volunteers to continue the project at all times of year.
4. Currently opened/unsealed food is not donated to food banks.

2. This Council Believes

State the facts surround the for amendment

Whilst the current food wastage policy in place has improved our relationship with the community, and reduced the amount of food binned, there is more that can be done.

3. This Council Resolves

State the facts surrounding what the policy resolves

That food that is about to be wasted can be sub-categorized and needs to be dealt with in different ways.

- 1) Food that is sealed and has a use by date can be continued to be sold at a reduced rate. However after the sale day has ended (eg Union shop has closed) then all remaining products must be offered to students for free in the community fridge. Unless the unsold fresh food (Ginsters, Urban Eat etc) from the SU shops is sent back to the retailers whom the SU purchase from. This is on a “sale or return” basis, so there is non-financial risk to the Students’ Union.
- 2) Food that is open/unsealed and in date (eg for an event) must be placed in the community fridge after 2 hours and labeled correctly.
- 3) Food that is sealed or is past its prime (eg fruit and vegetables) and has a best before date must be given to a food bank organization. Preferably to a volunteer project, but if no project is available then to an external and linked organization.