

Local Food Usage

Introduction

Under Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, organisations must procure goods, services in a fair and transparent manner. Equal treatment and non-discrimination must be applied. As an organisation we must ensure opportunities are available to **all** suppliers, including local suppliers.

However, we continue to develop suppliers through Tayside through collaboration with the 3 councils to support and engage with SMEs and local suppliers. Events such as Meet the Buyer allows us the opportunity to meet with suppliers providing advice on current and future contract opportunities.

Suppliers

Brakes, a national supplier with a depot in Dundee supplies the groceries, frozen food and cooked meats for Tayside school meals. The benefits of this include local employment opportunities and therefore contribution to the local economy.

Tayside Contracts works closely with Brakes and Scotland Excel to introduce, where possible, Scottish produce into the supply chain, examples of which are Scottish cheese, bottled water and frozen peas which are produced in Tayside.

Total Produce, a supplier based in Edinburgh supplies the fruit and vegetables used for school meals. Where possible they purchase their products locally, however due to the nature of the products, many of these require to be grown in areas with a warmer climate.

Campbells Prime Meat, a supplier based in Linlithgow supplies the fresh meat produce. The produce is predominantly Scottish with 85% of the total spend on Scottish red meat. Some of the beef is from an abattoir in Perthshire, equating to approximately 20%. In addition to this, a percentage of the animals are raised in Tayside - beef 15%, lamb 10%, pork 10%.

D & D Dairies source their milk from a dairy farm in Dunning, Perthshire.

Data analysis

The following table provides a summary of the spend on produce purchased from Tayside:

Supplier	Commodity	Percentage of Spend for Scottish produce	Percentage of Spend for Tayside produce
Brakes	Groceries	12%	1%
Total Produce	Fruit		4%
	Vegetables	50%	
Campbells	Fresh Meat & Poultry	85%	30% (based on % of animals raised in Tayside before slaughter)
D & D Dairy	Fresh Milk	100%	100%