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Sample email to Labour & Co-operative Councillors

Dear Fellow Co-operator

As you will know, the Co-operative Party is working closely with the Co-operative Group to campaign against the scourge that is modern slavery. One strand of this work is asking Councils to sign up to the Charter against modern slavery, and where necessary pass the motion establishing the Modern Day Slavery Charter as policy.

Official statistics compiled by the National Crime Agency show that last year 5145 potential victims were submitted to the Government's National Referral Mechanism, a 35% increase on 2016. Even where Modern Day Slavery is less of a problem, councils can have a positive impact on companies that they contract with by reminding them of their legal obligations with regard to modern day slavery.

If this has not already been discussed with your fellow councillors, I am asking you to take this motion and Charter to a Labour Group in the near future with a view to securing wider political support at full Council for a motion or a commitment to sign up to the Charter.

I do hope that you can agree to do this, and I look forward to hearing from you about the action you intend to take.

Yours in co-operation