

Appendix 3 – Fruit, Vegetable and Bakery Case Study

Background

The Council requires a daily supply of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Bakery Products and Eggs to schools, social work establishments such as day care centres and homes and to the canteen at Council Headquarters.

Service

The main aim of this requirement is to increase as much as possible the proportion of fresh food that is served in all of these establishments with the overall aim to raise the quality of ingredients used in the preparation of food. We further aim to ensure that ingredients are nutritionally valuable, thereby improving the lifestyle of our pupils and other customers.



Contract

The Councils Procurement service led a collaborative procurement exercise with Midlothian, City of Edinburgh, East Lothian and West Lothian Councils. The contract has now been awarded to George Anderson & Sons for up to a maximum period of 4 years.

The community benefit requirement for this contract is the delivery of one school based activity and one local event each year for the duration of the contract.

Added Value

George Anderson & Sons are very keen to support the promotion of healthy eating in Scottish Borders schools and as a result of the community benefits clause within the contract they are sponsoring a potato growing competition across Primary Schools in the area.

In early May Andersons supplied a bag of seed potatoes to every primary school with the instruction to plant the potatoes on a specific date. Pupils will then nurture the crop until given the instruction to harvest their produce later this year in August.

Each school will then weigh their final harvest and the school producing the heaviest weight of potatoes on the harvesting date will win the competition.

Andersons will then arrange for the winning school to visit Greenvale's potato factory in Duns for a tour of their hi-tech production unit.

All participating schools will also be given a number of potato recipes to allow their school cooks to make a potato dish for the children to enjoy.