

Council/Committee:
Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee

Agenda Item: 11.2 – Anti Modern Slavery Report
Sharing my research on Modern Slavery with committee members/participants or the meeting planned on 30th May 2024.

The action I wish the Council/Committee to take:

I am a professor of sustainability accounting and transparency at the University of Aberdeen. Currently, I am leading two research projects on modern slavery within global supply chains. I would like to share my research on Modern slavery with members for the meeting planned on 30th May 2024 for Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee.

Our research would be relevant for the council from the following angles:

- a) Procurements of any kind such as PC, garments for council staff, catering, industrial materials (wood, bricks, tiles, etc.) from overseas suppliers. It is important that the council ensures that there is no forced labor and exploitation during production/supply chains.
- b) The council's policy influence over businesses and partners operating in its jurisdiction. It is important to assure that businesses are free from modern slavery and human rights risks.

Meanwhile, I have submitted 'A Response to The Call for Evidence Launched into The Impact of The Modern Slavery Act 2015' to the House of Lords Committee. They are currently reviewing the impact of the Act so far.

- **Muhammad Azizul Islam**