



## **Midlothian Council Conservative Group**

Midlothian Council recognises the importance of transparency and accountability. The Council applauds Local Government in England which has allowed scrutiny of local authority spending by publishing all spending of over £500 online, detailing both the supplier used and the reason for the spending. Council agrees that Midlothian should investigate adopting this approach whereby all payments to suppliers over £500 are published online. This will allow more effective public scrutiny of spending and help avoid waste.

Council resolves to:

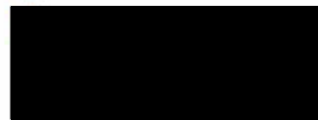
1. Investigate the feasibility and cost implication of adopting a similar approach whereby all spending over £500 will be published online, to include both the supplier used and the reason for the spend; thus providing transparency in relation to spending and public scrutiny thereof;
2. Instructs the Director, Resources to report to the meeting of the Council on 12 February 2019 detailing the feasibility and cost implications of publishing, as far as permitted by law, spending of over £500 online and;
3. Further instructs the Director, Resources to investigate and report back to a meeting of the Council by the 2019 summer recess other ways to make Midlothian Council more transparent and accountable to the public with regard to spending.

Proposed by:



Councillor Andrew Hardie

Seconded by:



Councillor Peter Smail

Date: 4 December 2018