

MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL LABOUR GROUP

**Midlothian Council
29th June 2021**

Notice of Motion

This Council thanks and congratulates the many local groups and individuals for their efforts, particularly during the current pandemic, to improve our streets, parks and other open spaces by volunteering for litter picks, gardening and public space maintenance, etc.

We call on officers to prepare a report on how the Council currently supports these and similar groups and how we can improve that support offer moving forward.

Further, we thank the Cross Cutting Services Review – Waste Services for their proposal that the Council provides more efficient public space bins and calls on a report from officers as to when this will be implemented.

We also note reports coming from Council areas in other parts of the United Kingdom who have worked with private enforcement companies to pursue and prosecute those who cause the litter in the first place, targeting dog fouling, litter, and fly-tipping. We understand that it has been suggested that this work can be achieved at zero cost to the local authorities and, in turn, has the potential of providing more capacity to our hard-pressed environmental health service for delivering specialist and technical public health and safety duties.

We therefore request that officers look at whether a similar arrangement would be something that could be considered for introduction here in Midlothian, with a report provided to the next Council meeting after the summer break.

Moved



Councillor Derek Milligan

Seconded



Councillor John Hackett