

# Midlothian Council Labour Group



**Midlothian Council  
Tuesday 21 August 2018**

## **Notice of Motion**

While Council rejected officer proposals for a further reduction in grass cutting standards during this year's 2018/19 budget deliberations, Council recognises that cumulative reductions in previous years are having a significant detrimental effect on our parks and open spaces in our towns and villages.

Recognising that we need to prioritise Council spending to areas of greatest need it would not be appropriate to simply reinstate cuts in budgets to this service. However, we are aware that the Land and Countryside team have been successful in attracting significant income from the provision of external services over £90K in 2016/17 and £100K in 2017/18.

To ensure that our parks are maintained to as high a standard as possible, Council agrees that the first £50k of any income generated in this year's budget 2018/19 by the Land and Countryside be re-invested in the service in order to improve grass cutting and general maintenance standards within our parks and open spaces.

Moved:



**Councillor Derek Milligan**

Seconded:



**Councillor Jim Muirhead**