



Motion to Midlothian Council

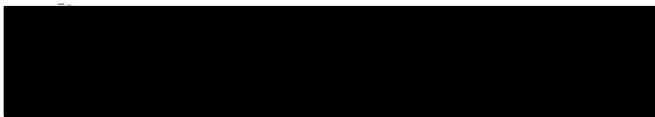
Midlothian Council supports the widely held belief that everyone should welcome and foster the equal participation of women in Scottish politics and that sexism should end now. For those of us who believe democracy is important, women should be encouraged to participate in politics and in order to be fully engaged support and respect is necessary.

Furthermore female politicians should be able to carry out their duties without being targeted by sexist or personal abuse.

Empirically many reasons reported for a lack of female representation in politics are issues such as long hours and a lack of opportunity to balance family life along with the challenges of working in a male dominated profession.

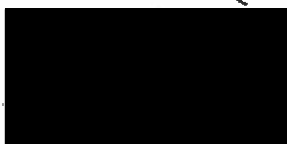
Midlothian Council believes that representation and participation in politics from women should be valued, embraced and fully encouraged.

Proposed by:



Councillor Catherine Johnstone

Seconded by:



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