

Midlothian Council

Labour Group



Item 3.16

Midlothian Council
23 May 2017

Notice of Motion

Midlothian Council recognises that the removal of funding for the Police Community Teams by the previous Council Administration was extremely unpopular with Midlothian residents who saw the value of the additional expenditure on this Police resource.

The last few months, over which the Community Action Teams were being phased out, has coincided with a significant rise in highly visible anti-social behaviour and damage to property across a number of our towns, placing massive pressure on existing police resources.

Council therefore agrees the principle of the reinstatement of the funding of the 2 Community Action teams and instructs officers to negotiate with Police Scotland to determine the following:

- The timescales required for this to be achieved.
- The cost of implementation in the current financial year.
- The annual cost of implementation in future years.
- The basis of a service level agreement between the Council and Police Scotland, which ensures, and is able to evidence, that the funding used will provide police officers in addition to that which is available through centrally funded resources.

Council expects the results of the negotiations to be presented to the next full meeting of Midlothian Council, or as soon as possible thereafter, with a view to then obtaining a final decision on the reinstatement at that point.

Moved:



Councillor Jim Muirhead

Seconded:



Councillor Adam Montgomery