



SNP Group

Notice of Motion

To know and understand the origins of Racism, Sectarianism and other forms of discrimination and its effects on the people of Scotland and beyond.

The Council recognises that there is no place for racism, sectarianism or discrimination of any kind, and that further action must be taken to eliminate racial, and sectarian injustice and discrimination, and we recognise the objectives of the Black Lives Matter movement.

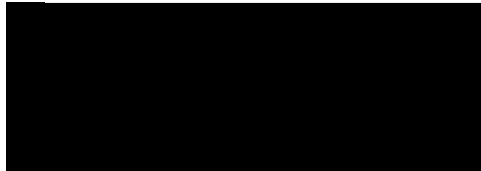
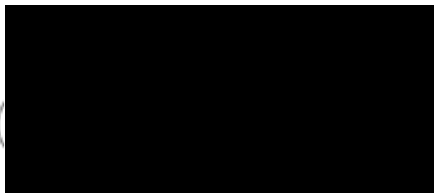
That Council agrees to establish a cross party working group to review all street names, statues, symbols, and buildings in Midlothian to properly recognise their history and context in order to enlighten the people of Midlothian and beyond of their historical origin and the impact those origins are having on today's society.

Examine the curriculum across Midlothian's education establishments to ensure that young people and their families are aware of our local history, and how it has the power, even here and now to divide communities. To ensure that from an early age pupils understand how the British Empire affected the lives of Scots, and those of many other nations in the past: and manifests itself today in the form of racism and sectarianism and other forms of discrimination.

It is our duty to ensure that all residents are able to live their lives free from racism, sectarianism or discrimination of any form, and it is only by education, and society understanding where those divisions came from, and tackling them head on that discrimination can be stamped out.

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