

Midlothian Council
1 April 2025
Notice of Motion

Feasibility Study for Bridge Infrastructure

Council notes that Midlothian is the largest growing Council in Scotland and has a growing demand for infrastructure in Midlothian due to this population growth and enable economic development.

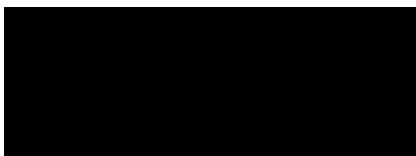
Council also notes, some employment opportunities are concentrated in the West of Midlothian, while the East experiences higher levels of deprivation.

Council also notes that the geography of Midlothian presents significant challenges for east-to-west connectivity and that the lack of sufficient transport infrastructure and road network between the east and west of Midlothian hinders economic growth, access to services, and social mobility.

Therefore, Council believes that improved transport links are essential to supporting economic equality and sustainable development across Midlothian and furthermore, believes that a bridge, or a multiple bridge network, could provide a vital connection between the east and west of the region, improving accessibility for residents, businesses, and public services. The Council notes that a feasibility study is necessary to explore the potential benefits, costs, and environmental impact of such infrastructure.

Council resolves to write to the Scottish Government, urging them to provide funding and commence a feasibility study into the construction of a bridge, or bridges, to enhance connectivity between the East and West of Midlothian, and to engage with relevant stakeholders, including Transport Scotland, local businesses, and community groups, to support and inform this proposal.

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Seconded: Councillor Russell Imrie

