



**SNP Group**

**Notice of Motion**

Midlothian Council commits to bringing forward a report on the establishment of a Community Wellbeing Fund to the next full Council meeting. This fund will support and protect community events throughout Midlothian in the face of continued austerity and budget reductions from central government, helping maintain and improve community cohesion within Midlothian during these difficult times. The fund will protect all but will not be limited to the following activities:

1. Gala days and parades
2. Christmas Lights and associated events
3. Flower beds

The report will address budget impacts for the coming years and review potential sources of funding through our Entrepreneurial Council program. It will also recommend that this fund is considered a protected budget in line with the Council's vision for the future and its values. The report will also reflect the SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) of each town/area and develop a funding formula that appropriately reflects the needs of each of these areas.



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Moved Councillor Kenneth Baird



Seconder Councillor Catherine Johnstone

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