



Motion to Midlothian Council

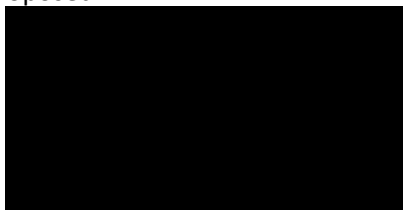
Midlothian Council at its meeting on 13 May 2014 condemns the UK Energy Minister, Michael Fallon, for the threat he made to the Scottish Government and asks him to explain his use of offensive language to threaten the democratically elected Government of Scotland, and therefore the Scottish people, in an attempt to stop the Scottish Government from making a submission to the European Commission regarding the UK Government's proposal to build a new Nuclear Plant at Hinkley Point in Somerset.

In December, The European Competition Commissioner launched a full investigation into whether the UK Government's intention of providing £17billion of public guarantees is legal and whether the contract with EDF guaranteeing them £92.50 per megawatt of electricity generated by the reactors constitutes illegal state aid.

The Commission launched a month long public consultation on its investigation which closed on 7th April but in February Michael Fallon warned the Scottish Energy Minister, Fergus Ewing, that any representation to Brussels by the Scottish Government would be viewed as a "hostile act".

We call on the UK Minister to explain fully what he meant with his aggressive language and what would have been the consequences to Scotland if the Scottish Government had expressed its legitimate views on this issue.

Proposed:



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Councillor Joe Wallace

Seconded:



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Councillor Jim Bryant