



Midlothian Council Conservative Group

Midlothian Council recognises the importance of vehicle transport to local residents. Council agrees that for many local residents a car is a necessity and not a luxury item. As such Council resolves to ensure that residents will not face, directly or indirectly a charge known as 'the workplace car park tax', estimated at around £500, for attending work places in Midlothian.

Secondly, many Midlothian residents – those who commute to work in Edinburgh- would pay the tax to Edinburgh Council, such that Midlothian Council would receive no financial benefit.

Further, Council will write to Edinburgh Council to urge them not to introduce this damaging and regressive tax, which disproportionately affects families on lower incomes throughout the Lothian's.

Council resolves to:

1. Agree not to implement a Work Place Parking Tax within the term of this Council as it is a negative and regressive action
2. Acknowledge that responsible car use is essential for many Midlothian Residents
3. Instructs the Chief Executive to write to Edinburgh Council to advise them of the detrimental effect introducing a workplace parking tax would have on Midlothian Residents.
4. Commends instead positive moves to encourage alternative transport modes where appropriate, such as the recently announced Sheriffhall Roundabout cycle lane proposals.

Proposed by:



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Seconded by:



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