

Midlothian Council Labour Group



**Midlothian Council
8 November 2016**

Notice of Motion

The recent escalation of anti social behaviour issues in the centre of Dalkeith, where large groups of youths have caused significant distress to residents and damage to business premises, cannot be tolerated.

From this and recent incidents in other communities across Midlothian it is clear that the police locally are struggling to cope with the increasing demands placed upon them.

Council believes that the cuts to the funding for the CAT teams in this year's budget is making police response to such incidents, and their ability to proactively target youth disorder, more difficult and that this will only get worse when the full cuts to the CAT teams come into force in April.

Council therefore agrees to withdraw the plans to remove funding for the CAT teams planned for April 2017 and to restore funding for the cuts already made.

Moved:



Councillor Margot Russell

Seconded:



Councillor Jim Muirhead