

Midlothian Council

Labour Group



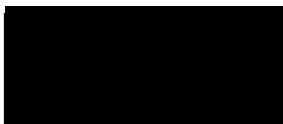
Midlothian Council 11 August 2015

Notice of Motion

This Council:

1. Thanks officers and external representatives for their contributions at the Energy briefing, held in the Council Chamber on the 30th June.
2. Believes that Midlothian must play our part in reducing Scotland and the UK's carbon footprint.
3. Notes the requirement to maximise new sources of revenue in the face of austerity, in order to provide a high level of service to Midlothian's communities.
4. Congratulates those Local Authorities who are already generating income through renewable energy projects.
5. Believes there is no time to waste. The crises of falling budgets and tackling climate change are real and immediate. We must be bold in our response to these challenges.
6. Therefore, requests that Officers bring a report to Council, outlining how Midlothian could:
 - A) Set up an Energy Services Company (ESCO), wholly owned by the Council.
 - B) Establish a coherent long-term strategy with the twin aims of generating zero-carbon energy and generating income for the Council through an ESCO.
 - C) As part of this, how Midlothian could locate, design, build and operate renewable energy facilities to meet these aims.
 - D) Explore the opportunities for solar PV, river hydro, heat-exchange and any other scheme with a reasonable level of potential as part of this strategy.
 - E) Make best use of sites currently in development – including: Shawfair, Millerhill Recycling & Energy Recovery Centre; Newbattle High School; Paradykes Primary School and Roslin Primary School – to generate zero-carbon energy as part of an ESCO.

Moved



Councillor Jim Muirhead

Seconded



Councillor Kenny Young