

Written Questions to Leader of the Council

Report by John Blair, Director, Resources

1 Questions to the Leader of the Council

In terms of Standing Order 4.2(viii), the following written questions have been received:

(a) Question from Councillor Baxter: -

Given that the Midlothian Council Corporate Climate Change Strategy, approved by the Cabinet on 22nd April 2014:

- a) contains a vision that "greenhouse gas emissions and the impacts of, and risks from, a changing climate are integral to decisions about our estate, operation and service delivery; and in our work with our partners, communities and businesses."
- b) has an objective "To ensure that the Council continues to lead by example on the climate change agenda",

to ask the Council Leader,

- i. If she will confirm that the Council is a member of the Industrial Communities Alliance;
- ii. What membership fee has been paid by the Council to the Industrial Communities Alliance in the last three years;
- iii. Whether she considers the Council's Corporate Climate Change Strategy mission and objectives to be compatible with membership of an organisation that last month proposed extending the life of coal-fired power stations and reducing the level of taxation on coal-fired electricity generation?

2 Recommendation

The Leader of the Council is invited to respond to the questions.

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