

Midlothian Council 13 August 2013

Notice of Motion

At recent meetings of Midlothian Council, we have called on the UK Government to scrap the Bedroom Tax and severely restrict pay-day loan companies as they directly impact on the poorest in society. In view of the recent spat in the Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition on whether the UK should have three or four nuclear weapon laden submarines, and the obscene costs associated with this illegal weapon, this Council acknowledges that:

1. The use of nuclear weapons would be a crime against humanity.
2. The UK government has an obligation to disarm as a signatory of the International Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.
3. The £100bn plus for the replacement of Trident could be put to better use in alleviating the poverty that blights more and more of our people through the actions of successive UK Governments.
4. All the UK's nuclear weapons are sited only 30 miles away from Scotland's biggest centre of population and should be removed as soon, and as safely, as possible.

On this basis, this Council resolves to affiliate to the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) which has developed strong international links throughout the world with other local authorities to end nuclear proliferation and the arms race.

The NFLA also attempts to influence Scottish Government policies when dealing with specific Scottish Nuclear and energy matters such as radioactive waste problems, as we have at Dounreay and Dalgety Bay. 10 Scottish local authorities are current members, as listed below.

We welcome the intervention of Gordon Brown in attempting to get the MoD to pay for the clean up of Dalgety Bay.

Current Scottish Members

Glasgow
Edinburgh
Dundee
Fife
Perth and Kinross
Renfrewshire
North Lanarkshire
West Dunbartonshire
Western Isles
Shetland Isles

Proposed by:



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