



## Midlothian Council Conservative Group

Midlothian Council recognises that it is essential to maintain elected member involvement in significant decision making, as a way of implementing effective community input within the planning framework.

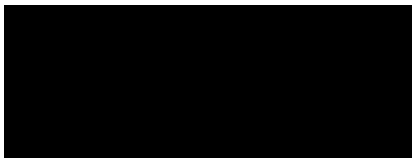
As such, the Council believes that councillors should have a greater input over the application of developer contributions. Communities in Midlothian are faced with growing numbers of housing developments and it is essential that Councillors are able to fully represent their electorates as to potential for community benefit, and ensure that the interests of ward members are represented at the setting of developer contributions.

It is therefore appropriate that Midlothian, as is the practice in some other Councils, should consider establishing a committee to consider and set developer contributions. Council recognised the 5 tests that are used as the basis for acceptable developer contributions and that this committee would act within those 5 tests and in the interests of local residents.

Council resolves to:

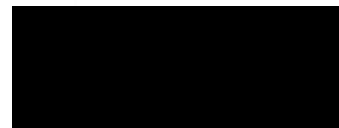
1. To investigate creating a developer contributions committee.
2. Instructs the Director, Resources to bring forward a paper to Council before summer recess 2019 with proposals and options for a sections 75/developer contributions committee.

Proposed by:



Councillor Andrew Hardie

Seconded by:



Councillor Peter Smaill

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