



SNP Group

Notice of Motion

That this Council recognises the benefits of breastfeeding to both mother and baby, as well as wider benefits on reducing health inequalities across Midlothian.

This Council also recognises that its breastfeeding rates are poor in comparison to the rest of Scotland, and the UK, and recognises that Midlothian's breastfeeding rates are significantly poorer in Midlothian's most deprived area.

This Council recognises the support from NHS Lothian already in place but also recognises that additional support to breastfeeding mothers, and influence on the wider community could be improved. This Council also recognises that peer influence has a large part to play and agrees to implement a breastfeeding friendly scheme in all public Council facilities, as well as encouraging other business to opt in.

This Council resolves to:

- i) Report back to Council on measures already in place, and look to best practice across Scotland, and in areas of Midlothian with higher success rates as well as investigating barriers in least successful areas.

- ii) Launch a Breastfeeding Friendly Scheme, to advertise this scheme widely, and investigate all possible options for engaging the business community that directly facilitate the public.



Moved Cllr Kelly Parry



Seconded Cllr Dianne Alexander

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