

Agenda Item: 10(b)

Council motion

Derbyshire County Council

(i) Acknowledges:

- the efforts that this Council has made over the last four years or so to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- the success of the Council's Green Entrepreneurs Fund in, amongst other things, encouraging community energy schemes and in enabling communities to potentially move towards self-sufficiency in supplying their own energy needs via 'green' methods;
- renewable energy installations will gain the support of local residents and other stakeholders when appropriately located and deliver genuine benefits to the communities they serve.

(ii) Further recognises

- that large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being near impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation could create opportunities for local companies, community groups, and councils, where supported by local residents, to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, if they wished, and
- that revenues received by such local companies, community groups or councils that chose to become local renewable electricity providers

could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;

(iii) Notes that the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;

Therefore, this Council resolves to

- support the Local Electricity Bill, which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote appropriate local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company,
- inform local media outlets of this decision,
- Invite the Leader of the Council to write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, expressing its support.