

The Local Electricity Bill

This Council notes:

- Local authorities play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated, renewable electricity.
- The very large setup and running costs associated with selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers prevent local renewable electricity generators from doing so.
- Making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to supply locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people and businesses.
- Revenues received by councils from the sale of local renewable electricity can be used to help fund measures to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions and to help fund local services and facilities.
- The recent reintroduction of the Local Electricity Bill. If enacted the new law would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply.
- This Bill has received the support of 280 Members of Parliament. (November 8th 2021)
- We should make every attempt to build a sustainable Britain after the Coronavirus crisis has passed. Our support for the Bill and this motion helps us achieve that.

Council resolves to:

- Support the Local Electricity Bill by writing to Greg Hands, Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, asking the government to enact this legislation as soon as possible.
- Ask our local Members of Parliament, Gillian Keegan, to support the Bill.
- Write to the campaign promoting the Bill, Power for People, (at 5-7 Buck Street, London, NW1 8NJ) expressing the Council's support for the campaign and the Local Electricity Bill.