

Motion to Full Council – No. 1 – 13 December 2011

Reduction in the Feed In Tariffs for the installation of Green Energy

Motion proposed by Councillor Ross Henley and seconded by Councillor Alan Wedderkopp:-

This Council calls upon the Secretary of State for Energy to reconsider the proposal to reduce the Feed In Tariff (FIT) for the installation of Green Energy.

This scheme has allowed a very valuable Green industry to grow whilst making an important contribution to promoting sustainable energy and to reduce the effects of Climate Change.

We call upon the Government to extend the existing deadline of 12 December 2011 until next April to allow schemes already planned to be completed and to still qualify for the full tariff. Businesses and residents have entered this scheme in good faith and have planned accordingly. They should be given the time to adapt to possible changes before the scheme is amended and not as is proposed by the Government setting an unrealistic deadline.

We also request action to enable a higher rate of FIT to be available for council buildings, social housing and projects which demonstrate a community benefit.

Furthermore, the Government should investigate the option of raising the overall budget for the FIT scheme by taxing the profits made through power generation of the big utility companies to be further invested into Green community based schemes.