

# Full Council – 29 September 2020

## Motion to support the Local Electricity Bill

### Motion proposed by Councillor Peter Pilkington, seconded by Councillor Sarah Wakefield

#### Preamble:-

That Somerset West & Taunton District Council notes that and;

(i) Acknowledges the efforts that this council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy.

(ii) Further recognises;

- That very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being 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 would enable and empower new local businesses, or councils, to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local customers, and
- That revenues received by new local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;

#### Recommendations:-

This Council therefore resolves to:-

1. Support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by 187 MPs which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply companies and co-operatives by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply operation; and
2. Inform the local media of this decision; and
3. Write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and;
4. Write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NNorinfo@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.