



Subject:	Notice of Motion: Energy Price Crises
Date:	8th March, 2022
Reporting Officer:	Ryan Black, Director of Neighbourhood Services
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider a motion in relation to Energy Prices, which was referred to the Committee by the Standards and Business Committee at its meeting on 22nd February.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	At the meeting of the Standards and Business Committee held on 22nd February, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Smyth and seconded by Councillor O'Hara, was referred to the Committee for consideration:

3.2	<p><u>Energy Price Crises</u></p> <p>This Council notes the spiralling cost of energy bills and the increased pressure on households across the City particularly the most vulnerable. In order to provide long-term solutions to escalating energy prices this Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to civic leadership on the development of community energy projects across the City. These projects will focus on developing renewable energy in partnership with communities and expert organisations, including the provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and sourcing financing for these community energy projects; • Engage with the Department for the Economy for support in developing community energy schemes; and • Write to the UK Government Treasury stating our support for a Windfall Tax on the Energy Companies who have recorded record profits. <p>For the purpose of this motion, the use of the term ‘community energy’ to mean community projects or initiatives focused on the four strands of reducing energy use, managing energy better, generating energy or purchasing energy. This included communities of place and communities of interest. These projects or initiatives share an emphasis on community ownership, leadership or control where the community benefits.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>This Notice of Motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.