

East Herts District Council is already making positive efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to promote renewable energy. Furthermore, the Council recognises:

- 1) that the very large financial set-up and running costs involved in selling locally generated electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable-electricity generators to do so,
- 2) that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies, community groups and councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations if they wished, and
- 3) 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 greenhouse gas emissions.

This Council also notes that the Parliamentary Environmental Audit committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change Enquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address these issues.

This Council accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 264 MPs, and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply, which would promote local renewable electricity supply by making the set-up and running costs of selling renewable energy to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company ; and

This Council further resolves to:

- a) inform the local media of this decision;
- b) write to the local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and
- c) write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, "Power for the People", at 5-7 Buck Street, London NW1 8NJ, expressing its support.

Motion proposed by Councillor Mione Goldspink and seconded by Councillor Terence Beckett.

