

## Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 21 October 2021, vote taken on Motion 2.

Motion 2 – Proposed by Councillor Robert Lindsay and seconded by Councillor Andrew Stringer.

Motion Text: This Council;

(i) Welcomes 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 prohibitively challenging 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 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, and
- 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 resilience in the local economy, local services, and facilities and also reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;

(iii) Notes that the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;

(iv) Accordingly, resolves to:

- a) Write to Conservative Member of Parliament for Waveney, Peter Aldous, thanking him for sponsoring the Local Electricity Bill and asking that he continue to work with local and national colleagues to pursue the issues contained in the Bill.

State our support for the broad intent of 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 setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company.

Members present agreed the motion by general assent.