

Council Meeting – 15 December 2011

Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillors R Fletcher and D Hough

FEED IN TARIFFS

This Council notes that increasing numbers of households are installing photo voltaic panels on their roofs, lowering the carbon usage and dependency on fossil fuels.

This has resulted in the creation of new jobs.

Social Landlords have installed, or are considering installing PV panels on some multiple tenanted properties, with tenants able to use the electricity generated to reduce fuel poverty.

This Council also notes the consultation on changes to the feed in tariff, which currently helps to fund these installations

Council is concerned that halving the tariff at short notice is causing problems for installers and users. Any reductions in the number of systems being installed will mean fewer jobs and will undermine the aim of increased low carbon energy supplies.

The proposal to apply a lower tariff to multi installation schemes could exclude social Landlords and their tenants from the scheme.

Council, therefore, agrees to write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for energy and climate change asking that:

1 The tariff is reduced progressively to enable the industry and householders to adjust. NO reductions before April 2012.

2 A community Tariff for social housing providers is established, excluding them from the proposed multi-user lower rate.

3 That The Local Government Association be copied into any correspondence to help in their lobbying work with the Government.