

Council Resolution

That Braunston Parish Council

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

(ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;

(iii) 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 create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs in the previous parliament, and which, if made law, would enable electricity generators to become local suppliers and set local costs of electricity; to give certain duties to the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets; and for connected purposes including, in accordance with the purpose of this Act OFGEM shall ensure that (a) the cost of a local supply licence and any related costs are proportionate to the size or projected size of a generator's business; and (b) the regulations that a generator must adhere to are as simple and straightforward as possible. and

(v) further resolves to

- inform the local media of this decision,
 - write to Chris Heaton-Harris, MPs, asking him to support the Bill, if and when it is put forward in the current parliament,
 - write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.
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