

Motion in the name of Councillor Alan Clark to Full Council May 2013

This Council acknowledges the importance of energy for both the residents and businesses of this City.

It pays tribute to:

the far-sighted implementation of district heating by local politicians of the 1960s

the energy efficiency standards now being achieved for both new-build council houses and for existing stock through the Secure, Warm, Modern programme

the engagement of Public Health with practical measures to reduce excess winter deaths

the work of the all-party scrutiny panel into Fuel Poverty

the 10 year track record of our award-winning partners Nottingham Energy Partnership

the efforts in the last decade to increase recycling and reduce the use of landfill.

It also acknowledges however that further initiatives are needed because:

whilst being the most energy self-sufficient city in the UK, we are well behind our European equivalents

energy production needs to be more decentralised with the aim of reducing costs and increasing energy security

more efficient energy distribution should benefit the consumer

this Council should play a lead role in reducing energy demand and ensuring all are on the best tariffs they can be

national criteria for home improvements aimed at the fuel poor need to be widened

This Council was pleased to welcome Secretary of State Ed Davey on his visit to the City and shall invite his Shadow Caroline Flint to do the same.

Alan Clark