Jackdaw licensing is climate vandalism - Motion as adjusted approved, after division.

11 Councillor Reid-McConnell, seconded by Bailie Carroll, moved that:-

"Council believes the licensing of the Jackdaw gas field is an act of climate vandalism by the UK Government, which will accelerate climate breakdown whilst failing to deliver cheaper energy bills, increased energy security, or long term secure jobs for Scotland's energy workers. Council notes that the impact of a changing climate is increasingly being felt by communities here in Glasgow. Council further believes it is deeply unjust that household energy bills are skyrocketing, resulting in Glaswegians unable to heat their homes, while shareholders and energy bosses are lining their pockets with increased profits.

Council supports actions that would meaningfully cut energy bills, including;

- introducing a social tariff for energy
- scrapping standing charges which disproportionately hit the poorest households
- scrapping the link between electricity and ever-increasing gas prices
- replacing the current Windfall Tax with a proper, permanent tax on oil and gas profits, to fund these measures, along with new investment in renewables, and a rapid expansion of our transition to clean, green heating: and
- the devolution of energy policy, including oil and gas licensing.

Council agrees to write to the UK Government in these terms.

Council understands that a decision on the far larger Rosebank field is imminent and that this field will extract crude oil, which will all be exported for sale on the international market. Council recalls its previous commitment of September 2023 to support the Stop Rosebank campaign and repeats its call for the Scottish Government to take a clear stand against the Rosebank oil field and recommit to the presumption against new oil and gas in their upcoming energy strategy."

Councillor Millar, seconded by Councillor Leinster moved as an amendment:-

(1) in paragraph 1, replace from "Council believes…" to "energy workers" with the following:

"Council expresses its concern over the licensing of the Jackdaw gas field by the UK Government, and believes that a genuine just transition requires urgent strategic support for lower-carbon industries and major investment in Scotland's energy sector workforce and the communities who depend on them, rather than simply continuing to extend new sites for fossil fuel extraction."

Council notes comments from UK Energy Secretary Miatta Fanbulleh that approving Jackdaw "won't lower energy bills this winter", and believes that the UK Government's decision indeed fails to deliver cheaper energy bills, increased energy security, or long term secure jobs for Scotland's energy workers. Council acknowledges the real concerns of workers across Scotland, including in the energy sector, about their economic future as we continue to

experience a cost of living crisis, and believes that urgent action is required from the UK Government to tackle this crisis and secure a just transition that centres jobs and economic opportunity for Scotland's workers."

(2) in paragraph 2, replace fourth bullet point with the following:

"replacing the current Windfall Tax with a permanent, more strategic tax regime for oil and gas corporations to fund such measures as well as investment in a just transition for the energy workforce, new investment in renewables deployment, and a rapid expansion of our transition to clean, green heating."

Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Curran moved as an amendment to:-

Delete all and replace with the following:-

"Council recognises the urgency of tackling climate change and fuel poverty while protecting energy security, skilled employment and Scotland's industrial future. Council welcomes consent for the Jackdaw gas development and recognises its potential contribution to domestic energy production and skilled employment. Council acknowledges that oil and gas will continue to play a role during the transition to net zero and believes that workers and communities must not bear the cost of that transition.

Council notes trade union support for Jackdaw and agrees that a just transition must be properly funded, protect existing jobs and create secure alternative employment.
Council welcomes the Energy Wealth Fund and believes that communities which have supported the energy industry should benefit directly through investment, apprenticeships and skilled employment opportunities.

Council supports investment in renewable energy, energy infrastructure and clean manufacturing and calls on the Scottish and UK Governments to work together with trade unions, employers and communities to deliver a credible transition.

Council therefore:

- Supports Jackdaw's approval and calls for its economic and employment benefits to be secured for Scottish workers and communities.
- Calls on both Governments to agree a funded transition plan with trade unions, including investment, skills and employment commitments.
- Calls for transparent reporting on the Energy Wealth Fund and the benefits delivered to Scottish communities.
- Supports measures to reduce energy costs, including consideration of a social tariff, fairer standing charges and improved home energy efficiency.
- Instructs the Chief Executive to write to both Governments setting out these positions."

Councillor Reid-McConnell, with the approval of her seconder, accepted the amendment by Councillor Millar, resulting in the following adjusted motion:-

“Council expresses its deep disappointment over the licensing of the Jackdaw gas field by the UK Government, as it does not help progress a just transition and continues to accelerate climate breakdown. Council believes that a genuine just transition requires urgent strategic support for lower-carbon industries and major investment in Scotland's energy sector workforce and the communities who depend on them, rather than simply continuing to extend new sites for fossil fuel extraction.

Council notes that the impact of a changing climate is increasingly being felt by communities here in Glasgow. Council further believes it is deeply unjust that household energy bills are skyrocketing, resulting in Glaswegians unable to heat their homes, while shareholders and energy bosses are lining their pockets with increased profits.

Council notes comments from UK Energy Secretary Miatta Fanbulleh that approving Jackdaw "won't lower energy bills this winter", and believes that the UK Government's decision indeed fails to deliver cheaper energy bills, increased energy security, or long term secure jobs for Scotland’s energy workers. Council acknowledges the real concerns of workers across Scotland, including in the energy sector, about their economic future as we continue to experience a cost of living crisis, and believes that urgent action is required from the UK Government to tackle this crisis and secure a just transition that centres jobs and economic opportunity for Scotland’s workers.

Council supports actions that would meaningfully cut energy bills, including;

- introducing a social tariff for energy
- scrapping standing charges which disproportionately hit the poorest households
- scrapping the link between electricity and ever-increasing gas prices
- replacing the current Windfall Tax with a permanent, more strategic tax regime for oil and gas corporations to fund such measures as well as investment in a just transition for the energy workforce, new investment in renewables deployment, and a rapid expansion of our transition to clean, green heating and
- the devolution of energy policy, including oil and gas licensing.

Council agrees to write to the UK Government in these terms.

Council understands that a decision on the far larger Rosebank field is imminent and that this field will extract crude oil, which will all be exported for sale on the international market. Council recalls its previous commitment of September 2023 to support the Stop Rosebank campaign and repeats its call for the Scottish Government to take a clear stand against the Rosebank oil field and recommit to the presumption against new oil and gas in their upcoming energy strategy.”

On a vote being taken electronically and by calling the roll, 28 voted for the amendment and 45 for the motion as adjusted, with 3 abstentions.

The motion as adjusted was accordingly declared to be carried.