



Glasgow City Council
City Administration Committee

Item 4

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**Report by Councillor Angus Millar, City Convener for Climate,
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**PRESENTATION OF THE FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY
INITIATIVE**

Purpose of Report:

To present Committee with a proposal to endorse the call for an international Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Recommendations:

The Committee is asked to:

- 1) Note the contents of this report.
- 2) Approve Glasgow City Council's endorsement of the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes No consulted: Yes No

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The [Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative](#) is a global effort to foster international cooperation to accelerate a transition to renewable energy for everyone, end the expansion of coal, oil and gas, and equitably phase out existing production in keeping with what science shows is needed to address the climate crisis.
- 1.2 The treaty initiative is designed to complement the [Paris Agreement](#) and fill a fundamental gap to:
 - stop fossil fuel exploitation at source everywhere (**non-proliferation**)
 - phase-out existing fossil fuel reserves in line with a 1.5°C pathway (**fair phase-out**)
 - support a global equitable transition to renewable energy (**just transition**)
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to request that the City Administration Committee approve Glasgow City Council 's endorsement of the call for an international Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. This serves a dual purpose; to both demonstrate support for the extensive work that is happening across the city to address climate action and Glasgow's Net Zero 2030 target and to encourage national government to take action on transitioning away from the use of fossil fuels.

2. Wider context

- 2.1 While the Paris Agreement sets a crucial global climate target, many governments have continued to approve new coal, oil and gas projects even though burning the world's current fossil fuel reserves would result in seven times more emissions than what is compatible with keeping warming below 1.5°C.
- 2.2 In order to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, international cooperation is needed to explicitly stop the expansion of fossil fuels and manage a global just transition away from coal, oil and gas in a manner that is both fast and fair, so that no worker, community or country is left behind.
- 2.3 The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative is building momentum and securing diplomatic support commensurate with the scale of the crisis we face. Other cities who have endorsed the call for a treaty include Brussels, Copenhagen, Paris, Edinburgh, Rome, Barcelona, and London.

3. Glasgow Significance

- 3.1 Cities are on the frontline of the climate crisis, facing natural disasters that are fundamentally reshaping urban communities, infrastructure and ecosystems. However, cities can also play a pivotal role in convincing national governments to phase-out coal, oil and gas.

- 3.2 The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty initiative aims and objectives are closely aligned with existing Glasgow City Council policy and strategies, including that of prioritising a fair phase out of fossil fuel use and a just transition to Net Zero by 2030.
- 3.3 Officers have engaged with peers in City of Edinburgh Council, who have already endorsed the call for a treaty, with regards to the resource impacts of having endorsed the call for a Treaty and can confirm that this brings no additional burdens on Council resource and has no reporting requirements. As the Treaty initiative is aligned with our existing plans and policies on Climate and Net Zero, endorsement furthers the city's ongoing international advocacy on climate action, underlining Glasgow's commitment and continuing to position the City amongst prominent international voices fighting the climate and ecological emergency.
- 3.4 Glasgow's endorsement of the call for an international Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty will;
- Reaffirm Glasgow's ambition and commitment to achieving Net Zero.
 - Increase the profile of this issue locally
 - Encourage national government to take action to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

4. Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

Legal: The report raises no new legal issues.

Personnel: The report raises no personnel issues.

Procurement: The report raises no new procurement issues.

Council Strategic Plan: Grand Challenge(s) this report aligns with:
Fight the climate emergency in a just transition to a net zero Glasgow.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify. Yes, the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative aims to accelerate a transition to renewable energy for everyone in a manner that is both fast and fair, so that no worker, community or country is left behind.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?

The adoption of the treaty has the potential to have a positive impact on vulnerable groups by supporting the transition away from fossil fuels and towards affordable clean energy.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

The adoption of the treaty has the potential to help address socio-economic disadvantage through providing routes to alleviate fuel poverty.

Climate Impacts:

Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:

The Treaty underpins the broad aims of the Climate Plan and the overall ambition to achieve Net Zero by 2030.

What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?

Decarbonisation of energy and progress towards our 2030 Net Zero Target.

Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?

Yes, the treaty will support Glasgow's net zero carbon target.

Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:

None

5 Recommendations

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