**Aspire Amendment to Motion 12.2 Regarding Local Electricity Bills**

**Proposed: Councillor Kabir Hussain**

**Seconder: Councillor Kabir Ahmed**

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This Council notes:

1. The efforts that this ~~council~~Council has made under the previous administration to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy, including:

    i. ~~i.~~ Declaring a climate emergency in March 2019~~;~~.
    ii. ~~ii.~~ Launched the Net Zero Carbon (NZC) Partnership Action Plan in November 2021 to become a net zero carbon council by 2025 and a net zero carbon borough by 2045 or sooner~~;~~.
    iii. ~~iii.~~ Planted hundreds of street trees~~;~~.
    iv. ~~iv.~~ Approved 400 new electric vehicle charging points across the borough~~;~~.
    v. ~~v.~~ In 2021, Tower Hamlets Council was named the greenest local authority in the country.

2. That ~~very large financial setup~~the New Administration is committed to a clean and ~~running costs involved~~green future including:
    i. Establishing a Mayor's Advisory Board on Climate Change to guide the work of making the Council carbon neutral
    ii. Increasing the number of charging points for electric vehicles in ~~selling locally generated renewable~~ the borough
    iii. Installing green heating systems on our estates, including the use of solar panels, wind turbines, heat and power schemes
    iv. Expanding tree planting throughout the borough and lining our streets and estates with trees
    v. Looking after our parks and other open spaces, ensuring they are accessible for the whole community

That changing the Law through the cross-party Local Electricity Bill offers the best chance for local electricity ~~to local customers result in it being impossible for~~ generation.

That Communities would benefit from selling local renewable ~~electricity generators to do so~~energy as significant value would remain within local economies, meaning more investment in things like local services and more efficient homes.

3.      ~~That making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would enable and empower new local businesses, or councils, to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local customers.~~

4.      ~~That revenues received by new local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions.~~

That Communities would have a viable business model to build new renewable energy schemes, meaning they could help ensure that the UK meets its climate change targets

3.   That there would be greater acceptance of the transition to 100% renewable energy, local economies would be more resilient, local skilled jobs would be created and our energy supply would be more secure due to less imports of fossil fuels.

This Council resolves to:

1.   ~~1.      To support~~Support the poorest residents in the Borough with measures such as the comprehensive cost of living package agreed by the Mayor at the last Cabinet meeting to protect those struggling most with their energy and electricity bills.

2.   Support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by ~~306~~ 309 MPs which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply companies and co-operatives by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply operation.

3.   ~~2.      ~~Write to Government suggesting that support for the Local Electricity Bill would go some way to addressing their inadequate net zero strategy and that including the Local Electricity Bill in the refreshed plan could help satisfy the scrutiny of the Climate Change Committee.

4.   Inform the local media of this decision.

5.   ~~3.      ~~Request that the Mayor ~~to~~ write to the borough's Members of Parliament local MPs, asking them to support the Bill.

~~4.      ~~Request that the Mayor ~~to~~ write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN) expressing its support.