

Notice of Motion

Motion to be moved by Councillor Hale:

This Council notes:

- a) The ongoing uncertainty around a number of key energy and infrastructure assets based around the Humber.
- b) The recent uncertainty around Scunthorpe Steel, the closure of Vivergo and the closure of the Lindsey Oil Refinery have recently highlighted these major issues.
- c) Following the announcement of the closure of the Lindsey Oil Refinery there was an increase in the cost of petrol in North Humberside compared to the south coast, (Kent), and the closure will leave the country with only four oil refineries.
- d) That a huge number of Humber jobs, directly and indirectly rely on these industries and their related supply-chain.

This Council believes: -

- a) that this Country's economic prosperity will rely upon having independent British steel manufacture.
- b) Until there are longer term green alternatives, there is a need for energy refining independence, further recognising that Lindsey Oil Refinery was responsible for 20% of the UK domestically refined fuel capacity.
- c) There must be a national plan to transition oil and gas workers into green jobs and to quote Unite General Secretary, Sharon Graham, "We can't let go of one rope before we have hold of another."
- d) That the decision to divide Mayoral and Combined Authority boundaries down the Humber has undermined the cohesive argument for an integrated industrial strategy for the Humber and diluted a united political response on these issues.

This Council calls for the Chief Executive to write alongside willing Group Leaders to the Government's Trade and Local Government Ministers asking them to:

- a) Work with Regional MPs, Local Authorities, Mayors, businesses, and all other stakeholders for a coherent pan-Humber industrial strategy which feeds into a national Energy Strategy.
- b) Use all their leverage to secure a viable future for Scunthorpe Steel and help save Lindsey Oil Refinery due to their strategic importance for the Hull and Humber Economy.
- c) Consider reviewing the current mayoral geography, as previously indicated in writing from the Minister so that the Humber speaks as one cohesive geographical political entity.
- d) Urgently seek a meeting between the local MPs, the Chief Executive and all Group Leaders to relay to them this Council's concerns.

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Letter to Councillor D Hale 8th November 2024 from Jim McMahon MP Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution.