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## **NOTICE OF MOTION TO MORAY COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2023**

### **Notice of Motion: ScotWind auction**

The Council notes the findings of the report 'ScotWind - One Year On' by Dr Craig Dalzell of Common Weal, in particular the finding that the ScotWind auction appears to have undervalued Scottish offshore wind rights by placing a maximum ceiling on bids, possibly underselling rights by billions of pounds.<sup>[1]</sup>

The Council notes that ScotWind leaseholders who fail to deliver local supply chain commitments (valued in billions of pounds) face a maximum fine of £250,000.<sup>[2]</sup>

The Council recognises the vital role that offshore wind and its associated supply chain could have in the future economy of Moray.

The Council resolves that the Leader of the Council write to the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy calling for an urgent inquiry into the ScotWind leasing process, with particular focus on improvements that can be made for any future leasing rounds, and the means by which maximum public benefit can be obtained through the current round as the projects move beyond the options phase.

**PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR KEITH**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR COWE**

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<sup>[1]</sup> <https://commonweal.scot/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Scotwind-One-Year-On-v2.pdf>

<sup>[2]</sup> <https://www.crownestatescotland.com/resources/documents/supply-chain-development-statement-summary>