

Notice of Motion
Moray Council - Wednesday 15 September 2021

Gulls

Gulls, also known locally as Seagulls are a prominent feature of coastal life. Due to various reasons Seagulls are often found in close contact with humans. In the past this has caused difficulties particularly as adult birds protect their young on residential streets. This year appears to have shown a significant rise in complaints throughout Moray.

There is no current duty on local authorities in Scotland to provide advice, support or action to local residents in dealing with Gull problems.

Given the level of public demand we ask council to direct officers to look into a package of options Moray Council could put in place to support communities, bringing back a paper detailing those options and costs.

We recognise that the administration have already instructed officers to undertake some work and we welcome cross-party working on what is an important issue to local residents. This motion seeks to formalise the work that has been asked for and provide officers with the assurance of cross party agreement -

We therefore ask council to agree –

1. To instruct officers to bring a paper to the next Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee on 19 October 2021 with the potential measures Moray Council could put in place to support communities with Gull problems along with costings.
2. That the leader and chief executive will write to the Scottish Government and local MSP's highlighting the concerns of local people and calling on them to consider a new funding package to support coastal communities who face Gull problems.

Cllr Tim Eagle

Cllr Donald Gatt