

NOTICE OF MOTION TO MORAY COUNCIL ON 7 DECEMBER 2022

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S JUST TRANSITION FUND

Council welcomes the Scottish Government's announcement of a £500 million Just Transition Fund that will support projects in the North East and Moray which contribute towards the region's transition net zero over the next ten years. Council welcomes funding for the initial projects that will see over £2 million invested in Moray. These projects include the Findhorn Watershed project, the Findhorn EcoVillage Park, the Moray Just Transition Masterplan, the NESS Energy Carbon Capture Feasibility, the Net Zero Bottlenecks in Moray, the Cabrach Distillery, the Sustainable Solvent Recovery for EV battery recycling.

Council recognises that ambitious Just Transition projects are essential both in terms of protecting the environment and creating jobs in Moray, and that strong levels of funding are of strategic importance to support Moray Council's Climate Change Strategy.²

Council instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the UK Chancellor to ask that the UK Government matches the Scottish Government's level of investment in Just Transition funding for the North East and Moray.

PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR MORRISON
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE

¹ Just Transition Fund: year one projects - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)

² Climate Change Strategy 2020-2030 (moray.gov.uk)