

**Date:** 07 January 2020

**Title:** Report Item 13 – Local Electricity Bill

**By:** K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

**Purpose:** To provide information on the Bill

**Recommendations:** To consider supporting the Bill

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The parish council has been approached by an organisation called Power for People requesting them to join 27 other Parish, Town and Community Councils that have already resolved to support the Local Electricity Bill.

The Bill, if made law, would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. This is currently impossible because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

The ultimate result of this would be:

1. Local communities and businesses could buy their electricity from a local energy company.
2. Building more local renewable energy would be financially viable.
3. Communities would benefit from the revenues that new local energy supply companies would generate, such as more local skilled jobs, energy efficiency schemes and investment in local facilities.

**Power for the People request the following:**

**1. That East Dean & Friston Parish Council support the Local Electricity Bill.** A suggested resolution is appended

**2. Sign up to the campaign** as an individual, which you can do here: [www.powerforpeople.org.uk/sign-up](http://www.powerforpeople.org.uk/sign-up)

See a copy of the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Local-Electricity-Bill.pdf>

See a list of the cross-party group of 115 MPs supporting the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/local-electricity-bill-supportive-mps/>

[Note: this list was compiled prior to the 12 December general election]

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## Council Draft Resolution

That East Dean & Friston Parish Council

I) notes that the Local Electricity Bill

- aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and therefore empower councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- would result in councils or community organisations that set up local renewable electricity companies receiving revenues that could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities

II) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs during the 2017-19 Parliamentary session; and

III) further resolves to write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing its support.