

East Lothian Council
28 October 2025

**Item 5: Energy Report and Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Delivery Plan Update
Amendment Submitted by Councillors McIntosh and Hampshire**

The amendment seeks to amend the Recommendations, as follows:

- Insert at 2.3: 'along with the existing sources of waste heat already identified in the LHEES report' after 'waste heat from a data centre'.
- Insert at end of 2.5: 'Noting the various deadlines for future funding opportunities to progress aspects of the LHEES delivery plan, this MoU should be brought to the December meeting of the Council for a report and decision.'
- Deletes 2.6 and replaces with: 'Note in principle that while committed to exploring the development of Heat Networks, their delivery cannot be dependent on capital resources from, or underwriting of debt by, this Council, given our financial position and wider demands on resources; however, also notes that in some cases a heat network may represent best value as a decarbonisation option for Council estates and housing and could also be a key enabler to reduce fuel poverty among residents; and therefore instructs officers to work with Lothian Heat CIC to facilitate access to funding and advice, including but not limited to, the Scottish Government's Heat Network Support Unit and Heat Network Fund, the UK National Wealth Fund, GB Energy and SPEN.
- Insert at end of 2.7, 'while recognising that this project seeks to connect industrial sites and therefore is entirely separate from the issue of heat in buildings and the Council's obligations under the LHEES strategy.'