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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Date:</b> 4 December 2014
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director, Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b> LP/090/14
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Fracking – Motion by Councillor McEleny</b>	

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Council to consider a motion by Councillor McEleny, countersigned by Councillor Brooks, which has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 22. A copy of the motion is attached at APPENDIX 1.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The motion makes proposals in relation to fracking.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Council is asked to consider the motion by Councillor McEleny.

#### 4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The background is as set out in the attached motion by Councillor McEleny (Appendix 1).

#### 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

##### Finance

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

##### Financial Implications:

##### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

##### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

##### Legal

5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

##### Human Resources

5.3 There are no HR implications arising from this report.

##### Equalities

5.4 There are no equalities implications arising from this report

##### Repopulation

5.5 There are no repopulation implications arising from this report

#### 6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 None required.

#### 7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

## INVERCLYDE COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF MOTION

#### **-FRACKING-**

We, the undersigned, write to intimate the following notice of Motion to Inverclyde Council's meeting on 4 December 2014.

In order to ensure that –

1. Fracking is not carried out underneath the property of both Inverclyde Council and the people that live in Inverclyde without the right to be consulted and object.
2. Inverclyde Council's views are expressed in writing to both the UK and Scottish Governments.

We move that –

1. The Chief Executive writes to the Rt Hon. Edward Davey MP UK Government Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to express the concern of Inverclyde Council that the Westminster Government plans to allow underground drilling rights beneath people's homes to be granted without any right to object or even be notified.
2. Inverclyde Council supports the approach taken by the Scottish Government and notes that further devolution of powers over energy would better allow people in Scotland and local councils to make decisions on Fracking themselves.

The UK Department of Energy and Climate Change has announced proposals to grant automatic underground drilling access to energy companies, in spite of Scottish Government and public opposition, and with no right of appeal or notification for the people who live on the land above such drilling.

It is utterly unacceptable that the Westminster Government plans to allow underground drilling rights beneath people's homes to be granted without any right for people to object or even be notified.

The Scottish Government and people across Scotland and indeed the UK, have told the Westminster Government they are wrong, but as usual they are simply not listening.

The approach being taken by the Westminster Government to fracking stands in stark contrast to the cautious, considered and evidence based approach being taken in Scotland, and further underlines why energy policy should be devolved to Scotland.

Proposed -

Seconded –

Signed: Christopher McEleny

Signed: Cllr Keith Brooks