

Fife Council – 12th November, 2020

Urgent Motion

“Council notes with dismay last week's Sepa report of the emission of up to 13,800 tonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere from the Shell Exxon plant at Mossmorran between the 4 and 6 October.

This was the fourth period of unscheduled elevated flaring at the plant in 2020, was followed by an extended period of ground flare operation and has prompted weekly protests of growing numbers of residents outside the plant. Last weekend there was further noisy elevated and ground flaring, with neither notice nor subsequent explanation.

Council further notes that whilst the Scottish Government has set up a Just transition Board for Grangemouth, no such Board has been established for Mossmorran.

Council reaffirms its call to the Scottish Government to commission an Inquiry into the Health and Social Impacts of operations at both Mossmorran plants: and calls on the Scottish Government to establish a Just Transition Board to examine all options for the short, medium and long term future of the plants, including phased decommissioning.

In the event that, despite these continued operational failures at the plant, the Scottish Government continues to refuse to act, Council will explore setting up a Just Transition Board of its own, as a follow on from the work of the Working Group set up by former MP Lesley Laird.

Council will also urge the IJB and NHS Fife to act to fill the gaps identified in its 2019 report on the health impacts of flaring at Mossmorran, and in particular to set up a dedicated facility to record and monitor the flaring related health complaints of residents.”

Proposed by Councillor Mary Lockhart
Seconded by Councillor Linda Erskine