

A Pesticide Free Council

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 24 October 2020, proposed by Councillor Robert Brown, seconded by Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, as follows:-

“South Lanarkshire Council notes:-

- a. the increasing public concern about the use of pesticides, particularly those containing glyphosate, in weed control and the potential damage to health and to biodiversity.
- b. The potential expiry in December 2022 of the licence to use glyphosate.

The Council agrees:-

- 1. To identify and audit the extent of the Council's spending on pesticides
- 2. To develop a pesticide policy stating for public information the current uses made of pesticides by the Council and their locations
- 3. To consider and report on alternatives to pesticide weed control and the potential for reducing longer term costs
- 4. To pilot alternative methods of weed control and pesticide free zones in partnership with local groups where appropriate
- 5. To commit to the aim of a pesticide-free Council (joining numerous other towns and cities across Britain and in other countries) and to set a timetable for the phased elimination of pesticide use by Council resources and their contractors”.