

## **Go Green Motion**

### **Council Notes**

1. The Higher Education sector alone spends in excess of £3 billion every year on goods and services, consumes around £200 million worth of energy, and owns 9% of all office space in the UK.
2. In Britain, despite the need to control climate change, use of oil, coal and gas has gone up over 10% since 1993 and nearly 60% of all waste is still landfilled.
3. Globally climate change is predicted to cause more frequent and severe droughts, floods and famines.
4. The University has conducted an environmental impact assessment and has urged the Students' Association to do likewise.
5. The University pays the energy bills of the Students' Association.
6. A proportion of the University's energy supply is derived from renewable energy sources.
7. At Edinburgh University, 100% of the Students' Association energy supply is derived from renewable energy sources and 40% of the University's supply from renewable energy sources.

### **Council Believes**

1. Institutions such as the University and Students' Association should seek to minimise their negative impacts on the environment and work towards sustainable alternatives.
2. High environmental standards will aid in the promotion and success of both the University and the Students' Association, particularly those intending on studying environmental subjects.
3. Renewable energy is a constructive means by which to tackle climate change.

### **Council Resolves**

1. That the Students' Association should carry out a full environmental impact assessment with the University by June 2005.
2. That the President, Deputy President and Environmental Officer should ensure that all the recommendations from this assessment are acted upon swiftly.
3. For the President, Deputy President and Environmental Officer to lobby the university to ensure that 100% of energy consumed by the Students' Association is derived from renewable sources.
4. For these officers to lobby the University to continually improve its efforts
5. To support the University in its attempts to gain ISO 14001, the international standard of environmental management.