



Press Release

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Scottish Executive should implement energy wardens

STEPHEN TWIGG, Director of the Foreign Policy Centre, today said:

“I have written today to the First Minister, Jack McConnell MSP and the Environment Minister Ross Finnie MSP to urge them to consider the Foreign Policy Centre’s proposals on the UK’s Energy Security. At a time when oil prices are inflated and the UK is reliant on oil and gas supplies from regions which are politically unstable, renewable energy must play a greater part in a diverse energy mix.

“One of our key recommendations to the government and business community is to have ‘energy wardens’ to help improve efficiency at home and in the workplace. This proposal is meant to convey the need for the communities and people of the UK to take upon themselves greater responsibility in securing the country’s energy future by adopting resilience strategies for the inevitable shock to energy supply in coming years. The Corporation of London, as a local authority is already using energy wardens, I urge the Scottish Executive to take a lead as a national government in the UK to do likewise.”

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Editor’s Notes

The Foreign Policy Centre has recently launched a major new programme on Energy Security. It calls for a rapid shift to renewable energy sources in the UK from the perspectives of national security, economic prosperity and protection of the global environment. For more details of the Energy Security programme, please visit <http://fpc.org.uk/topics/energy/>. To download a pdf version of the programme’s initial publication, *Britain’s Energy Future: Securing the ‘Home Front’* please visit <http://fpc.org.uk/publications/172>.