

NOTICE OF MOTION – NATIONAL ENERGY CRISIS

To consider the undersigned Notice of Motion standing in the name of County Borough Councillor P. Marsden and supported by the Members listed.

This council recognises the unprecedented energy crisis facing many households across Caerphilly, Wales and the UK. In the coming months more and more households will see increases of a magnitude never seen before as the energy price cap is removed or energy deals come to an end.

This comes on top of a cost of living crisis created by the Impacts of Brexit and the Covid Pandemic which have already seen an unprecedented squeeze on people's incomes.

Inflation remains very high which is putting huge pressure on household budgets as earnings have not kept pace with prices, leaving family budgets squeezed and people worse off.

The additional costs of day to day living are already impacting negatively on every household across Caerphilly but even more so on families who are living close to the bread line many of whom still need to visit food banks and will now be faced with the terrible choice of heating their home or putting food on the table. This is Tory Britain.

As a Council, we will continue to do everything within our power to help mitigate energy costs by signposting residents to the number of financial support options available to improve the energy efficiency of residents' homes as homeowners as well as our significant investment in our Council homes to make them cheaper to heat and live in.

However, the help families need to deal with the cost of living crisis can only be fixed by decisive action by the UK Government.

Therefore this motion calls on Council to write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer and call for the immediate implementation and action for the following: -

- A reduction in VAT for Energy Bills to help families and householders
- An introduction of a new lower price cap on energy bills to protect households from excessive price rises
- The implementation of grants or interest free loans to encourage the take up of renewable energy solutions such as domestic Solar / PV for private homeowners and local businesses



Signed: Councillor P. Marsden

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