

AGENDA ITEM 21 - Amendment

Changes to the Winter Fuel Allowance and Protecting Pensioners from Fuel Poverty

Amendment submitted by Councillors J D Lawson, Arshad, Safdar, Khan and Kahut.

Under 'This Council notes ...'

Add the additional paragraphs;

- That UK pensioners receive one of lowest pension in Europe thanks to successive Governments and face some of the highest energy prices compared to other European countries.
- That low income households have been disproportionately affected by the cost of living crisis and the removal of the Winter Fuel Allowance will hit low income pensioners the hardest.

In Bullet Point 3 - Delete the words 'Significant' and 'thereby', and insert the words '**and to some extent prevent heat or eat dilemmas and safeguarding health**' after the words 'coldest months...'

Under 'This Council resolves ...'

In Bullet Point 2 insert the words '**are to a certain extent**' after the words 'pension credit'

Add additional Bullet Point to read

- **Request that the Leader of the Council writes to all Kirklees MP's asking for them to lobby on behalf of all residents they represent, the Chancellor and the Prime Minister to withdraw this plan. To look at other ways that will not see an estimated 2 million pensioners plunged into fuel poverty this winter. To consider a wealth tax on the Utility companies who since 2020 have declared profits of £240 Billion at the cost of the health and well being of struggling customers. To look at Utility companies offering social tariffs for low income households. And to ultimately seek the re nationalisation of all utility companies**