

### **Insulation Inspection and the Provision of Insulation**

“This Council recognises the lengthy delays NIHE and Housing Association tenants across Belfast are facing when it comes to insulation inspections and insulation being provided, the absence of adequate insulation only compounds the problems arising from fuel poverty facing many citizens this winter. This council notes the warning provided by the Utility Regulator that Northern Ireland households are facing energy bills around £1,000 higher than last year.

The Council will write to the Department for Communities Minister requesting a review of the affordable warmth scheme as the current threshold for support is too low reflecting rising costs facing households earning more than £23,000. This council will also write to the Department for Communities Minister requesting a public review exercise for NIHE and Housing Association tenants to detail experience accessing insulation for their homes from their housing provider.”

Proposer: Councillor Heading

Seconder: Councillor Lyons