

Winter Fuel Payment Scheme/Retrofitting of Homes

“Council notes with alarm the rising energy costs which will deliver a winter of pain for many people across Belfast. Council expresses its real concern that people could lose their lives due to this poverty this winter, and the impact rising energy costs are having on people’s health and well-being.

Council recognises this is an emergency situation and will write to the Stormont Executive, calling on it to enact emergency actions to protect people such as extending the winter fuel payment scheme. Council will also request an urgent meeting to address how it can work in tandem with the Executive to provide and deliver this support, where necessary.

Council recognises long term approaches are also required to address the energy crisis which continues to worsen and will, therefore, include in its letter to the Stormont Executive a request that it organises and funds, where necessary, the mass retrofitting of homes.”

Proposer: Councillor Ferguson

Seconder: Councillor Michael Collins