

Motion – Cost of Living

This Council recognises with deep concern the cost-of-living crisis that is impacting hundreds of thousands of families across our society, and the rise in home energy and electricity costs, which has placed a severe burden on already struggling households and businesses across our city.

The collapse of the Executive caused by the resignation of DUP First Minister Paul Givan is preventing a budget, or the allocation of £300m available from Treasury from being agreed and is hampering Ministers from using their full spending power to give people relief who rely and depend upon it.

This Council calls for the immediate restoration of the Executive in order to allocate and agree spending to support workers and families.

Furthermore, this Council calls upon the Westminster Government to take action, where local Ministers cannot, by scrapping VAT on domestic energy bills and cutting duty on home heating oil, petrol and diesel, for the duration of the energy crisis; introducing a windfall tax on energy generators and redirect money towards supporting families; reverse the planned increase in National Insurance Contributions; and halt the planned change in red diesel entitlement.

Proposer Matt Garrett

Seconder Ronan McLaughlin

Also signed:

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| Councillor Baker | Councillor Canavan | Councillor Donnelly | Councillor Beattie |
| Councillor McAteer | Councillor McCann | Councillor Carson | Councillor McCabe |
| Councillor Maskey | Councillor Murphy | Councillor Walsh | Councillor Gormley |