

Notice of Motion  
Flintshire County Council  
Liberal Democrat Group

This Council recognises the extreme hardship residents are suffering under the current Cost of Living Crisis. Growing numbers of residents, especially those using domestic heating oil (not protected by the domestic energy price cap), are entering a period of fuel poverty and will not be able to afford to heat their homes this winter. Even now, before winter, many residents are already in fuel poverty.

'Warm Hubs' are warm and friendly environments in which to enjoy refreshments, social activity, information and advice and respite from social isolation. Warm hubs can be based in civic and public buildings, which are already heated and open to the public such as libraries, in community asset buildings, church and village halls and other businesses such as cafes that may be happy to sign up to be part of the scheme.

This Council acknowledges that Warm Hubs are unlikely to generate revenue and will not expect visitors to buy teas, coffees, or otherwise spend money to stay in the warmth. Warm Hubs are community resource, recognising that if someone is in fuel poverty, they should be helped to conserve their financial resources and not feel pressured into spending money in order to stay in a warm, public environment.

Therefore, this Council resolves:

1. To liaise with partner organisations and provide Warm Hubs throughout the County of Flintshire;
2. To work with Members and Town & Community Councils to identify suitable premises in each ward; and
3. To provide advertising materials for Members and Town & Community Councils to raise awareness of Warm Hubs within their communities.

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