

## **Notice of Motion : Winter Fuel Payments**

Proposed by Cllr. Carolyn Preece    Seconded by Cllr. Sam Swash

Flintshire County Council notes:

1. That the new government has made one of its first acts in office an attempt to remove the Winter Fuel Payment from millions of pensioners across the UK;
2. That this policy is strongly opposed by charities and other organisations that work with older people, and
3. That this policy will see thousands of Flintshire residents left worse off.

Flintshire County Council believes:

1. That as a direct result of this decision, older people in Flintshire will suffer financial hardship;
2. That some older people in Flintshire will heat their home less than would otherwise be the case this Winter, leading to increased risk of illness and death;
3. That this cut is utterly unnecessary and is instead a political choice made to avoid taxing millionaire donors to big political parties, and
4. That residents of Flintshire deserve their council's support in seeking to reverse this uncaring policy.

Flintshire County Council resolves:

1. To instruct the Leader of Flintshire County Council to write to the Prime Minister, copying in the leaders of all political groups expressing the council's strong opposition to this policy, including a copy of this motion, and calling on him to abandon this plan, and
2. To further instruct the Leader of Flintshire County Council to write to both MPs representing communities in Flintshire, copying in the leaders of all political groups expressing the council's strong opposition to this policy, including a copy of this motion, and calling on them to set out their views on this matter in reply.