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Amendments to the White Paper Motion (in the name of Councillor Lamb) -
Winter Fuel Allowance

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COUNCIL MEETING – 11th September 2024

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A1 TO WP1	10/9/24	10/9/24

Submitted by:	Councillor Mary Harland
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Communities, Customer Services and Community Safety)
Relevant Director	Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

“....notes the Labour Government’s work to return stability to the economy and address the £22bn budget black hole left by the previous Conservative Government.

Council notes the Labour Government’s commitment to ensure all pensioners eligible for Pension Credit are signed up to ensure they receive the Winter Fuel Payment and other benefits linked to Pension Credit. Council also notes the Labour Government’s commitment to extend the Household Support Fund which will further help support those in need in Leeds this winter.

Council regrets the voting record of the Conservative Group in the Council chamber including voting 9 times since 2017 against or not supporting motions calling for the extension of the Household Support Fund; provide support with energy costs; tv licences for pensioners; and reduce the impact of universal credit cuts.

Council further notes comments by a Conservative leadership candidate calling for Winter Fuel Payments to be means tested.

Council remains committed to working with partners to signpost residents to local support available to older people across Leeds and encouraging eligible pensioners to claim Pension Credit.

Council calls on the government to maintain the Winter Fuel Payment for those pensioners that need it, put in place a programme to insulate homes, extend the Warm Homes Discount, a windfall tax on giant oil and gas companies and to reduce everyone’s energy bills for good with clean homegrown energy.”

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Deadlines for submission

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White Paper Amendment	A2 TO WP1	10/9/24	10/9/24

Submitted by:	Councillor Tim Goodall
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Communities, Customer Services and Community Safety)
Relevant Director	Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

In the second paragraph, delete all after “ Council therefore opposes” and replace with:

“such a harsh change to the allowance, which will particularly affect those with incomes just above the pension credit income threshold.”

Add an additional third paragraph:

“Council calls on the government to raise the pension credit threshold to allow more people to receive the winter fuel allowance and to introduce a wealth tax to tackle income inequality for all, including older people.”

The amended White Paper will then read:

This Council believes the pensioners' winter fuel allowance is an invaluable lifeline to thousands of older people in Leeds at risk of not being able to heat their homes.

Council therefore opposes such a harsh change to the allowance, which will particularly affect those with incomes just above the pension credit income threshold.

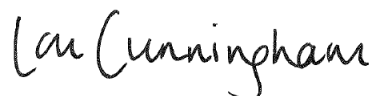
Council calls on the Government to raise the pension credit threshold to allow more people to receive the winter fuel allowance and to introduce a wealth tax to tackle income inequality for all, including older people.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:



Cllr Tim Goodall



Cllr Lou Cunningham

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