

## Redditch Borough Council

11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Motions on Notice

#### 1. Changes to the Winter Fuel Allowance and protecting pensioners from fuel poverty

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Dormer and seconded by Councillor Gemma Monaco

Council resolves to

Request that the Council Leader write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer condemning their actions and requesting:

- That the Government acknowledges the importance of the Winter Fuel Allowance in protecting the health and wellbeing of pensioners.
- That the Government reinstates the Winter Fuel Allowance to all pensioners.
- That the Government commits to maintaining this allowance to prevent future risk to the elderly population during winter months.

And Council asks the Executive Committee to ensure that:

- The Council proactively promotes the Government's awareness campaign and the [Pension Credit toolkit](#) to alert those eligible of Pension Credit which in some respects will help access to the Winter Fuel Payment for those most in need.
- The Council encourages local efforts to promote Pension Credit uptake through council services and partnerships with local charities and community organisations to ensure that all eligible pensioners in Redditch, Astwood Bank and Feckenham are supported in claiming their entitlement.
- The Council offers all Members the opportunity to sign the 'Save the Winter Fuel Payment for Struggling Pensioners' petition being run by Age UK.