

Amendment to motion on Winter Fuel

Council resolves to:

Instruct the Leader to write, on behalf of the Council, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for

- *The policy on linking Winter Fuel Payments to Pension Credit receipt to be immediately paused and **reviewed**.*
- *introduce a new threshold to determine eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments and asking for the release of the Equalities Impact assessment that accompanies the policy.*
- *Council further requests the Leader to write, on behalf of the Council, to all MPs covering Swale asking them to give their formal support to halting the changes to the Winter Fuel Payment eligibility.*
- ~~*Request all group leaders within Swale sign a joint letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for the new Winter Fuel Payment policy to be suspended and reviewed.*~~
- *Urgently commence a significant awareness campaign to maximise uptake of pension credits. This will include use of council noticeboards, social media, promotion in local press and also targeted letters to those who may be eligible.*

Proposed by Councillor Lloyd Bowen

Seconded by Councillor Julien Speed