

NOTICE OF MOTION**LABOUR & CO-OPERATIVE GROUP****ENERGY PRICE FREEZE**

“The Council notes the the ‘big six energy companies’ have increased their prices for gas and electricity by 37% since October 2010. In comparison, average earnings have risen by just 4.4% over the same period.

The Council notes the recent report by energy regulator OFGEM that showed profits made by the Big Six Energy Companies, British Gas, Npower, SSE, Scottish Power, e.On and EDF have risen to £53 per household in 2012, in comparison to £8 in 2009.

The Council recognises the impact these price rises are having on residents across the City, especially vulnerable groups such as the elderly, and those working on low incomes whose wages have not kept pace with the spiralling cost of utility bills.

This Council resolves:

- 1) To request the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to urge him to implement an energy price freeze
- 2) To request that officers work closely with community and voluntary associations across the City to support vulnerable groups over the winter period who may find themselves unable to afford to heat their homes.”

Proposed by: Councillor Morgan

Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

Supported by: Cllrs Daniel, Fitch, Hamilton, Wilson, Meadows, Marsh, Robins, Carden, Lepper, Pissaridou, Gilbey and Farrow.