

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT****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.

Finally, this Council also recognises the importance, in particular across our City, of home energy efficiency measures in mitigating high domestic fuel bills.

This Council resolves:

- 1) To request the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change:
 - a. To urge him to implement an energy price freeze;
 - b. To request that the funds currently made available from levies on energy companies for home energy efficiency measures are not reduced in any way by an energy price freeze;**
 - c. Reiterating the request of this Council in March 2012 to launch an independent public inquiry into the Big Six energy companies in order to identify market reforms that will make energy pricing fairer, reduce fuel poverty and increase trust between consumers and companies.**
- 2) To request that officers **continue to** 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: Cllr Sykes

Seconded by: Cllr Jarrett