

COUNCIL: 2 NOVEMBER 2022

URGENT MOTION

Proposer: Councillor McDonald

Seconder: Councillor McPhater

"Council notes the launch of the Energy Smart Emergency Fund earlier this week. Further notes that people in receipt of benefits are not eligible to access the fund. In practice, this has prevented low-income households who are in work but in receipt of universal credit to top-up their incomes, from making an application. Council is concerned that a blanket ban on households in receipt of payments could also hit pensioners including those on pension credit and unpaid carers on Carers Allowance. Council therefore instructs officers to review the eligibility criteria of the fund as a matter of urgency and report back to Elected Members at the earliest opportunity."