

Motions Submitted to Council

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution

Motion 4

Submitted by Councillor J Kent

This Council is concerned at the impact the Cost of Living Crisis is having on residents of Thurrock and notes that domestic gas and electricity bills are predicted to rise by, almost, 50% this year - from an average of £1277 to £1865.

The Council resolves to:

1. Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to ask him to help residents by scrapping VAT on gas and electricity bills for one year.
2. Write to Thurrock's Members of Parliament asking that they use their positions to support residents by working to achieve a cut in VAT on domestic energy bills.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

This is a matter which affects the authority's area. The Council has a general power of competence under the Localism Act 2011 which gives the Council scope subject to certain restrictions, to do anything an individual may do where it is aligned with the priorities of the Council and the local community.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no direct financial implications for the council resulting from this motion.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes