# 26 January 2022 Agenda Item 24

## **Amendment to Motion 4**

## **Original Motion 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."

## **Proposed Amendment submitted by Councillor Spillman**

"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 deliver a Brexit promise and ask him to help residents by scrapping VAT on domestic gas and electricity bills.
- 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.
- 3. Write to Thurrock's Members of Parliament asking for a temporary suspension of all green levies on domestic gas and electricity bills."