

Notice of Motion submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 5.27

Motion on Behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group

Proposer: Councillor J Clokey

Seconder: Councillor F Hoskins

Amendment on Behalf of the Conservative Group (Approved)

Proposer: Councillor M Boughton

Seconder: Councillor M Coffin

- (1) Given that 22, 217 residents across Tonbridge are affected by the policy, Council instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer condemning the policy on linking Winter Fuel Payments to Pension Credit. Council further requests the Leader of the Council write to all MPs covering Tonbridge and Malling asking them to condemn the changes to the Winter Fuel Payment eligibility;
- (2) Request all group leaders within Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council sign a joint letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer condemning the new Winter Fuel Payment policy, and
- (3) Urgently extend the scope of our awareness campaign to maximise uptake of pension credits. This will include use of council noticeboards, social media, promotion through local press, targeted communications with local voluntary sector partners and investigation of the feasibility of sending targeted letters to those that we can identify as likely to be eligible.