

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

UNDER PARAGRAPH 11.1 OF THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The following Motion to be submitted to Full Council on the date indicated below:-

This council notes:

- Inflation is at an all-time high (5.1%) with predictions from the Bank of England projecting this could top 7% over the coming year.
- Fuel pump prices have increased
- In 'real terms' wages have dropped by 0.9% for total pay and 1% for regular pay
<https://inews.co.uk/news/cost-of-living-crisis-only-just-begun-real-terms-pay-cut-soaring-prices-1409119>
- Energy prices are soaring, and the energy price cap has been removed
- Many of our residents are having to choose between heating and eating.
- The governments' **removal of the £20 per week Universal Credit** top-up has had a detrimental effect on residents in Rossendale. People have less money to spend - and in turn that is less money being put into the local economy here in Rossendale.
- **National Insurance Contributions** are rising by 1.25% in April. In real terms, it means that an employee earning £20,000 a year will have to pay an extra £130.
- **Rents and mortgage payments** are expected to rise. Rents increased by an average of 1.7% to November, and with an anticipated increase in interest rates, mortgage payments will increase.
- **Council tax increases** have been seen at borough and county level - due to underinvestment in local authority from central government.

We, therefore, ask the council to:

- Continue to work with and support local advice agencies, foodbanks and food groups.
- Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, requesting that VAT on domestic energy bills is reassessed.
- Lobby central government to extend the Household Support Fund past its current March 31st 2022 end date as we know that people will continue to struggle to pay for food and energy past the deadline date of the scheme.

Date of Council Meeting:-

16th March 2022

Notice submitted from

Councillor Samara Barnes

Date: 3rd March 2022

Councillor Hughes

Date: 3rd March 2022

Notice received and validated by the S151 Officer: Karen Spencer	
Comments: There are no additional financial implications arising from this notice of motion.	Date: 4 th March 2022
Notice received and validated by the Monitoring Officer: Clare Birtwistle	
Comments: No legal comments.	Date: 4 th March 2022
Notice received on behalf of the Head of the Paid Service and entered in the book open to Public Inspection	
Received by: Neil Shaw	Date: 3 rd March 2022