

Insulation Inspection and the Provision of Insulation

Proposed by Councillor Heading,

Seconded by Councillor Lyons,

"This Council recognises the lengthy delays which Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Housing Association tenants across Belfast are facing when it comes to insulation inspections and insulation being provided. The absence of adequate insulation only compounds the problems arising from fuel poverty facing many citizens this winter.

The Council notes the warning provided by the Utility Regulator that Northern Ireland households are facing energy bills of around £1,000 higher than last year.

The Council will, therefore, write to the Minister for Communities requesting a review of the affordable warmth scheme, as the current threshold for support is too low and does not reflect the rising costs facing households earning more than £23,000. The Council will also write to Minister for Communities requesting a public review exercise for Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Housing Association tenants to detail their experience of accessing insulation for their homes from their housing provider."

(In accordance with the decision taken by the Standards and Business Committee on 23rd November, contributions to the debate will be restricted to one speaker per Political Party)