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Christian Wakeford
MP for Bury South

Letter sent via email

Dear Christian,

Bury Council at its Full Council meeting on 9 September 2021 debated a notice of motion in relation reductions in Universal Credit.

I am aware that since this Council meeting, a vote on the matter has been taken in Parliament. Notwithstanding this, please find below the Council motion and resolution.

The Council noted:

- 1) This autumn the Government plans to cut Universal Credit by £20 a week.
- 2) This cut would affect 15,300 people in the borough Bury.
- 3) The Child Poverty Action Group have stated that the £20 uplift is essential to ensure "low-income families with children receive the support they need".
- 4) The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has warned that the cut could see another 200,000 children pushed into poverty.

The Council resolved to:

- 1) Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer calling on them to stop the £20 a week cut to Universal Credit.
- 2) Write to the Members of Parliament for Bury North and Bury South calling on them to oppose the cut and vote against it in Parliament.

Accordingly, I am writing to you in relation to this matter.

I have written in similar terms to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the MP for Bury North.

I look forward to your response so that an update can be provided to Members of Bury Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G Little." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

G Little
Chief Executive