

Chancellor of the Exchequer
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Bury
Council

Chief Executive

Letter sent by email to rachel.reeves.mp@parliament.uk

Dear Rachel Reeves,

Bury Council at its Full Council meeting on 11 September 2024 debated a motion on Government Funding Streams.

In debating this motion, the Council noted:

- That the previous government had provided funding up to the 30 September 2024 in respect of the Household Support Fund (HSF). This fund was aimed at providing targeted support and did not affect people who received any benefits.
- The Chancellor of the Exchequer, yourself, has announced that the Labour Government would be scrapping winter fuel payments for those pensioners not on pension credit or other means-tested benefits.
- The previous Government in the 2024/25 Local Government Policy Statement, published on 05 December 2023, confirmed that they remained committed to improving the local government finance landscape in the next parliament.
- The scrapping of the winter fuel payments (other than for those pensioners on pension credit or other means-tested benefits) is likely to result in a significant number of pensioners living in Bury struggling to stay warm this winter.
- That the Labour Government, although announcing an extension to the household support fund, are yet to announce the level of funding for Bury.

The Council resolved to:

- Write to you to kindly ask what level of HSF this Council can expect for the remainder of this financial year and for the 2025/26 financial year bearing in mind the impact of scrapping winter fuel payments other than for those on pension credit or other means-tested benefits.

I am therefore writing to ask you to consider the issue raised. I look forward to hearing your response.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Ridsdale
Chief Executive
Bury Council