



**Rochford District
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Rt Hon Mark Francois, Member of Parliament
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(Sent by email only to mark.francois.mp@parliament.uk)

27 September 2024

Dear Mark Francois MP,

Winter Fuel Allowance Payments

At Rochford District Council's Full Council meeting held on 17th September 2024, I along with all Members expressed our deep concern at the Government restricting eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments to those in receipt of Pension Credits and other benefits.

I attach for reference a letter I have sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting the Government immediately pause its policy linking Winter Fuel Payments to Pension Credit receipt and that a new threshold be identified to determine eligibility for Winter Fuel Payments be introduced.

I would be grateful if you could give your formal support to this cause and endorsement of our letter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Newport'.

Councillor James Newport
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