

<b>Council</b>	<b>Agenda Item 52(e)</b>
29 January 2009	Brighton & Hove City Council

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **GREEN GROUP**

#### **PRE-PAYMENT METERS**

This council notes the success of the national campaign led by the National Housing Federation and others to introduce fairer pricing for pre-payment meter gas and electricity customers.

However, it further notes that while energy companies have equalised some energy costs, EDF, British Gas and Scottish and Southern Energy still charge gas pre-payment customers £30 a year more than those who pay their bills on a quarterly basis and £88 pounds a year more than those who pay by direct debit.

It therefore requests the Chief Executive to write:

1. Calling on the Government to take action to end this 'therm tax' levied by the energy companies on pre-payment customers, who are generally people on low incomes struggling to make ends meet.
2. Calling on the city's three MPs to urge the Government to take action to end this iniquitous 'therm tax'.

Proposed by: Cllr Jason Kitcat

Seconded by: Cllr Bill Randall

Supported by: Cllrs Ben Duncan, Ian Davey, Rachel Fryer, Amy Kennedy, Sven Rufus, Paul Steedman, Keith Taylor, Vicky Wakefield-Jarrett, Pete West and Georgia Wrighton

