



This Council also resolves to write to the UK Government calling on them to:

- Convene an emergency response committee to tackle cost of living pressures with urgent measures
- Immediately reduce VAT on home energy bills and produce a sustainable plan to rapidly invest in insulating homes that have poor energy efficiency/performance.
- Review the legislation, method and calculations used to set Local Housing Allowance to ensure that rates are more responsive to areas with high and increasing market rents, so that LHA can better respond to housing cost pressures
- Announce a medium-term financial settlement for Local Authorities so they can plan and prepare budgets over a medium-term financial cycle, ensure through this settlement that local Authorities are adequately resourced for the life of their MTFs, and use the settlement to help local Councils provide proper support for residents during the cost-of-living crisis.
- Recognise the particular needs of the urban authorities, with high levels of deprivation, and prioritise these within the government's refreshed commitment to 'Levelling Up' activity.”