



**SNP Group**

**Notice of Motion**

**Cost of living crisis**

This Council acknowledges that Midlothian residents are facing a cost of living crisis - with a toxic concoction of cuts to in work benefits, tax hikes and the long-term damage of Brexit hammering low and middle income families.

This Council also notes warnings that energy bills are expected to rise, alongside National Insurance payments as well as an increase in inflation. This perfect storm will create further pressures to families, and potentially impact Midlothian Councils medium term financial strategy.

This Council will therefore write to the Prime Minister ahead of the UK Government budget and outline the urgent need to boost household incomes, and reverse rising levels of poverty in the UK. The Council should make clear in its content that it is essential that an emergency package of measures is introduced to boost incomes and reverse the damage caused by Tory policies.

The Council will also bring a report to the next council outlining the potential impacts to Midlothian including likely pressures on housing and homelessness, child poverty, in work poverty and other likely impacts

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