

11.1 - Proposed by Councillors S Shaw-Wright, Packham, Nichols, Duggan, Franks, Duckett and Brook:

This district council supports the implementation of 20mph as the default speed limit for our district in all the urban and village streets where people live, work, shop, play and learn. The Council will write to the Leader and Cabinet Member for the Highway Authority (currently North Yorkshire County Council) to implement 20mph as the default limit with higher limits only where the needs of vulnerable road users are fully taken into account.

11.2 - Proposed by Councillors Packham, Nichols, Franks, Welch, Duggan, J Shaw-Wright, S Shaw-Wright, Duckett and Brook:

This Council notes recent research by the Resolution Foundation think-tank, which reveals the number of UK households suffering from 'fuel stress' – those spending at least 10% of their family budgets on energy bills – is set to treble to 6.3m overnight when the new energy price cap comes in on 1 April 2022.

This Council notes and is concerned by the Government's latest official data, which reveals nearly 5000 households (13.2%) in Selby District are in fuel poverty.

This Council agrees with the well-respected 'Money Saving Expert', Martin Lewis that 'it is not an exaggeration to say there are people in the country who will be choosing between heating and eating come April.'

This Council calls on the UK Government to take immediate and substantive action to support families across Selby, and indeed the United Kingdom, who are struggling with the recent sharp increases in household energy costs and the increases to come in the weeks and months ahead.

This Council notes Prime Minister Boris Johnson's public statement in May 2016 that 'the least wealthy are hit particularly hard' by VAT on household energy bills and that 'when we vote Leave, we will be able to scrap this unfair and damaging tax'.

This Council resolves to call on the UK Government to take immediate action to support families in Selby by as a minimum: removing VAT on energy bills for at least one year; increasing the Warm Home Discount from £140 to £400 per year and expanding the number of households eligible to 9.3 million; as well as introducing a year-long increase to corporation tax for North Sea oil and gas producers in order to secure £1.2 billion windfall from their increased price rise profits to help mitigate household energy bills.

This Council calls on the UK Government and our local Members of Parliament to end the dither and delay on tackling the cost-of-living crisis facing families and act now to support them with the escalating costs of household energy bills.