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# Government Energy Bill Support – 2023 and beyond

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# A large and universal response was required to the rising cost of energy



Source: BEIS quarterly energy prices stats, Dec 2022

- Even allowing for the EPG, prices rose over 60% from 2021-2022, and some forecasts predicted bills of £4-5000 per year without action
- The combined impacts on poverty, inflation and public health meant inaction was untenable
- A universal response was required to deliver at pace

### Energy Bills Support Scheme

- £400 universal payment
- Subschemes available for NI, and customers who need to apply

### Energy Price Guarantee

- Volume based – discount per unit of energy
- Subschemes for GB and NI

### Alternative fuel payment

- £200 fixed payment for non-gas fuels
- Split into automatic and application based
- Combined with EBSS in NI

### Energy Bill Relief Scheme

- Volume based non-domestic – discount on wholesale price per unit
- Subschemes for alternative fuel types

# Support will remain in place throughout the coming year

## Rollout of “alternative” schemes



- Energy Bills Support Scheme extension
- Alternative Fuel Payment – mostly automatic, some applications needed

## Continued delivery in Northern Ireland



- All households in NI to receive £600
- Delivery started, with automatic payments for DD customers and voucher delivery from 16 Jan

## Energy Price Guarantee



- Remains in place until end March 2024
- Unchanged this winter
- Shift to an average bill of £3000 from April 2023
- Plan to consult on cap for highest users, with protections for vulnerable



## ...alongside support from our wider programmes

### Energy efficiency schemes

- **ECO** - £4bn from 2022-2026
- **Home Upgrade Grant** – funding LAs to improve performance of off gas grid homes in England
- **Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund** – upgrading stock below EPC C
- **Local Authority Delivery scheme** – improving low income and low energy performance homes

### Price support

- **Warm Home Discount** - £150 per year rebate to around 3 million households
- **Winter Fuel Payment** - £100-£300 support for pensioners
- **Cold Weather Payment** - £25/week for those on certain benefits

### Cost of living support

- £650 cost of living payment for those on means tested benefits (further £900 in 2023/24)
- £300 cost of living payment for over 8 million pensioner households (further £300 in 2023/24)
- £150 disability cost of living payment (and again in 2023/24)
- £500m increase and extension of the Household Support Fund (further £1bn in 2023/24)

# We will put in place a new approach from 2024

