



**SOCIAL TARIFF
PROTECTION**





FAIR BY DESIGN

Ending the extra costs of being poor



Action for Warm Homes

SOLVING THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The case for a new social tariff
in the energy market

The new social tariff in the energy market must:

- **Be additional to the Warm Home Discount and Default Tariff Price Cap.** These policies perform different functions which would not be included in a social tariff.
- **Be mandated across all suppliers** so that those who qualify for a social tariff do not lose out because their supplier has not gone as far as other suppliers.
- **Be targeted at those most in need:** low income and vulnerable households that use prepayment meters are currently disadvantaged by the market. They must be a priority group benefitting from the introduction of a social tariff.
- **Reduce costs for consumers:** at a minimum the new social tariff must help vulnerable consumers reduce their energy costs and be priced below the default tariff price cap.
- **Auto-enrol all eligible consumers:** this can be done using suppliers' existing customer data and/or via data sharing with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

