

## Improving debt standards in the domestic retail market Resetting the energy debt landscape: the case for a debt relief scheme END FUEL POVERTY COALITION RESPONSE 6 February 2025

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This consultation plays a vital role in reforming Britain's broken energy system. In 2025, we urge all policy makers to understand how their decisions can affect the affordability of energy bill, avoiding discriminatory pricing, delivering longer-term reforms that bring down the cost of energy and improving the energy efficiency of homes.

We welcome Ofgem's consultation into debt.

Some of our members have already responded individually to the consultation and the wider End Fuel Poverty Coalition membership wish to add their support to the views put forward by Money Advice Trust, Scope and Fair By Design.

We would be grateful if you could continue to keep the Coalition informed about developments in this consultation.

## **About the End Fuel Poverty Coalition**

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We believe that everybody has the right to a warm, dry home that they can afford to heat and power.

Members of the Coalition include: Action with Communities in Rural England, ACE
Research, Advice for Renters, AgeUK, All Birmingham's Children, Austerity Action Group,
Association of Green Councillors, Association of Local Energy Officers, Association for
Decentralised Energy, Asthma + Lung UK, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Beat the
Cold, Brighton & Hove City Council, Bruton Town Council, Camden Federation of Private
Tenants, Carers Trust, Child Poverty Action Group, Church Poverty Action, Chartered
Institute of Environmental Health, Chartered Institute of Housing, Community Action
Northumberland, Centre for Sustainable Energy, Climate Action Network West Midlands,
Debt Justice, Disability Poverty Campaign Group, Disability Rights UK, E3G, EBICO, Energy
Advice Line, Energy Cities, Exeter Community Energy, Fair Energy Campaign, Epilepsy

Action, Fair By Design, Foster Support, Friends of the Earth, Fuel Poverty Action, Fuel Poverty Research Network, Generation Rent, Good Law Project, Greenpeace, Groundwork, Hackney Foodbank, Heat Trust, Home Start Oxford, Independent Age, Independent Food Aid Network, Inner City Life, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Lambeth Pensioners Action Group, London Borough of Camden, London Borough of Lewisham, Marie Curie, Mencap, Mayor of London, MECC Trust, Moorland Climate Action, National Pensioners Convention, National Union of Students / Students Organising for Sustainability, NCB, National Energy Action, New Economics Foundation, National Federation of Women's Institutes, Northern Health Services Alliance, Oxford City Council, Positive Money Tower Hamlets, Plymouth Community Energy, Redcar & Cleveland Council, Repowering London, Retrofit Bruton, Right To Energy Coalition, Rossendale Valley Energy, Ryecroft Community Hub, Save the Children, Sense, Scope, Shaping Our Lives, Social Workers Union, South Dartmoor Community Energy, South East London Community Energy, Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations, South West London Law Centres, Stonewater Housing Association, Stop The Squeeze, Tamar Energy Community, Thinking Works, Uplift, UNISON, Warm & Well North Yorkshire, Warm & Well in Merton, Winter Warmth Network, Young Lives vs Cancer.

The Coalition is also part of the <u>Warm This Winter</u> campaign, the <u>End Child Poverty Coalition</u> and the <u>Renters Reform Coalition</u>. We work closely with <u>Energy Action Scotland</u>, <u>NEA Wales</u> and the <u>Fuel Poverty NI coalition</u>. The coordination for the <u>End Fuel Poverty Coalition</u> is provided by social enterprise <u>Campaign Collective</u>.

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