



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Help with energy bills for those living in park homes

Dear resident,

I know what an exceptionally challenging time this is as we face the rising cost of living. The government has put in place a range of support for the rising costs in energy bills for households and businesses.

I have been in direct communication with the Minister at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy about support for energy bills for those living in park homes. Additionally, I have regular meetings with Dorset Council to discuss support for constituents, which includes the chairman of the all party group for Park Homes. I will keep pressing to ensure that this money is received by park home residents in Mid Dorset and North Poole.

People on low incomes including pensioners and those on means tested benefits and disability benefits, will have received one-off payments to help with extra costs. Households are also receiving £400 through their electricity supplier - paid in instalments from October to March. People who do not have a direct electricity supplier will receive this through the **Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding, (EBSSAF)** which is likely to start in **January 2023**.

As there is no single register of eligible households, the government is working to ensure that the right money gets to the right people, with no possibility of fraud. Eligible households will be able to fill out a short form on GOV.UK with a few simple details, including your name and address. Once this has been checked and verified, the Local Authority will administer the payment.

The government recognises that growing bills are not limited to gas and electricity – fuel costs are increasing across the board, and that is why we have doubled the **Alternative Fuel Payments** to £200, delivering support for those in properties using fuels such as heating oil, liquified petroleum gas, coal or biomass for heating. There will be a way to access this funding in the new year.

I will publicise these measures to access funding on my social media channels and website as soon as they are available in the new year.

For more details of the help available, and links to other sources of help, please visit the dedicated section of my website: <https://www.michaeltomlinson.org.uk/cost-living-advice> . If you have not received a Cost of Living payment that you think you are entitled to, you can enquire online here <https://secure.dwp.gov.uk/report-a-missing-cost-of-living-payment/welcome>

I hope this information is helpful. The Government will continue to listen and put in place policies to get help to residents as quickly as possible.

Member of Parliament for Mid Dorset and North Poole

Yours sincerely

Michael.

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