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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

Question at Council Meeting – 11th September 2024

Thank you for the question you submitted to the Council meeting on 11th September 2024. I have set out your question and my response below.

What preparations are being made by adult social care and health authorities to deal with extra demand due to older people not being able to heat their homes this winter?

I can advise that at this time it is not known what additional demand could be placed on the health and social care from the cessation of winter fuel payments. However, as per current practice, Adult Social Care will ensure that residents remain safe and well within their own homes for as long as is possible. This will include working with broader partners, such as Age UK through the Warm Homes Scheme to ensure people of all ages are not impacted during the winter period, and Rotherfed to ensure access to the right information, advice and support on how to heat their homes. Adult Social Care will also ensure anyone experiencing crisis is appropriately supported.

In addition, whilst we await government guidance and details of our Household Support Fund allocation, we are considering options to extend the Council's Energy Crisis Scheme, enabling residents across the borough to continue to receive support through the winter months.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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