

## **Background paper for Household Support Fund 4 on wider support offer**

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### **National ‘Cost of Living’ Support**

1. up to £900 in Cost of Living Payments for those on eligible means tested benefits referred to as ‘low income benefits’
2. £150 Disability Cost of Living Payment
3. £300 one-off Pensioner Cost of Living Payment to those eligible for a Winter Fuel Payment. Eligibility to, and the value of, the Winter Fuel Payment is based on household circumstances and age.[see [Winter Fuel Payment: How much you'll get - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) ]

<b>How much?</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>When?</b>
£301	For people on an eligible low income benefit	Spring 2023
£150	For people on an eligible disability benefit	Summer 2023
£300	For people on an eligible low income benefit	Autumn 2023
£300	Pensioner Households (through the Winter Fuel Payment)	Winter 2023 – 2024
£299	For people on an eligible low income benefit	Spring 2024

Source: [Cost of Living Payment 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Energy Price Guarantee**

Protects customers from increases in energy costs by limiting the amount suppliers can charge per unit of energy used.

It brings a typical household energy bill in Great Britain for dual-fuel gas and electricity down to around £2,500 per year.

Winter 22/23 (1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023) the Energy Price Guarantee saved a typical household in Great Britain around £900, compared to undiscounted energy prices under the price cap.

As announced in the 2023 Spring Budget the Energy Price Guarantee will be extended from April 2023 until June 2024.

Source: [Energy Price Guarantee - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Alternative Fuel Support – for those who don’t use mains gas**

£400 grant for those who do not get the Energy Price Guarantee automatically – for example:

- Residential park homes
- Boat on a permanent residential mooring
- Permanent gypsy and traveller site
- Off the mains electricity or gas grid

Application process (online) at [Apply for energy bill support if you do not get it automatically - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-energy-bill-support-if-you-do-not-get-it-automatically) or telephone 0808 175 3287 (M-F 8am – 6pm).

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### **Links to wider national advice pages:**

[Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)

‘Which?’ guide to available help - [Cost of living payments: £400 energy rebate and other support explained - Which? News](#)

‘Money Helper’ - [Free and impartial help with money, backed by the government | MoneyHelper](#)

### **Derbyshire specific support from elsewhere in the Council**

	2023/2024	
Foodbank support – administered by Foundation Derbyshire	£300,000	Public Health - COMF
Enhanced provision of Public Health Advisory Services delivered by Citizens Advice in addition to commissioned service	£350,000	Public Health - COMF
Energy costs support and fuel debt advice delivered by Marches Energy Advice	£400,000	Public Health - COMF
Holiday Activity and Food Programme (activities and a healthy meal for FSM children in summer, Christmas and Easter school holidays)	£2,899,640	Dept. for Education
Supporting Families Employment Advisors (available to families who meet the Supporting Families criteria) – the Advisors look at removing barriers to employment, undertake better off in work calculations, etc.	NA	Children’s Services Early Help

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