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Dear Len,

London Assembly (Plenary) Meeting 5 September 2024 – Motions

Thank you for the motions agreed at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 5 September 2024. My reply to motion 3.7 is set out below and my apologies for the delay.

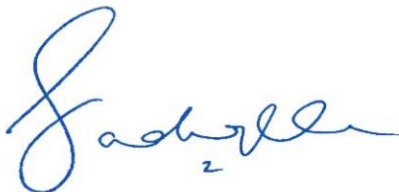
Motion 3.7 – Backing Age UK's Campaign to Fully Reinstate the Winter Fuel Payment

The original decision to limit winter fuel payments to older people receiving Pension Credit was designed to protect older people on some of the lowest incomes whilst also responding to the financial pressures the Government inherited on coming into office.

I am glad that the Chancellor has now found a way to ensure that nine million pensioners in England and Wales will receive the winter fuel payment this coming winter. It is especially welcome that payments will be automatic, meaning no one who is eligible will miss out as a result.

I know that winter remains a particularly worrying time for older people on lower incomes, and that is why I am continuing to do what I can from City Hall to provide support. That includes continuing to work with boroughs to deliver a series of targeted benefit take-up campaigns that encourage eligible households to claim Pension Credit and Attendance Allowance. I am proud to say that these campaigns have to date put more than £20m in the pockets of older Londoners on the lowest incomes.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Sadiq Khan

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