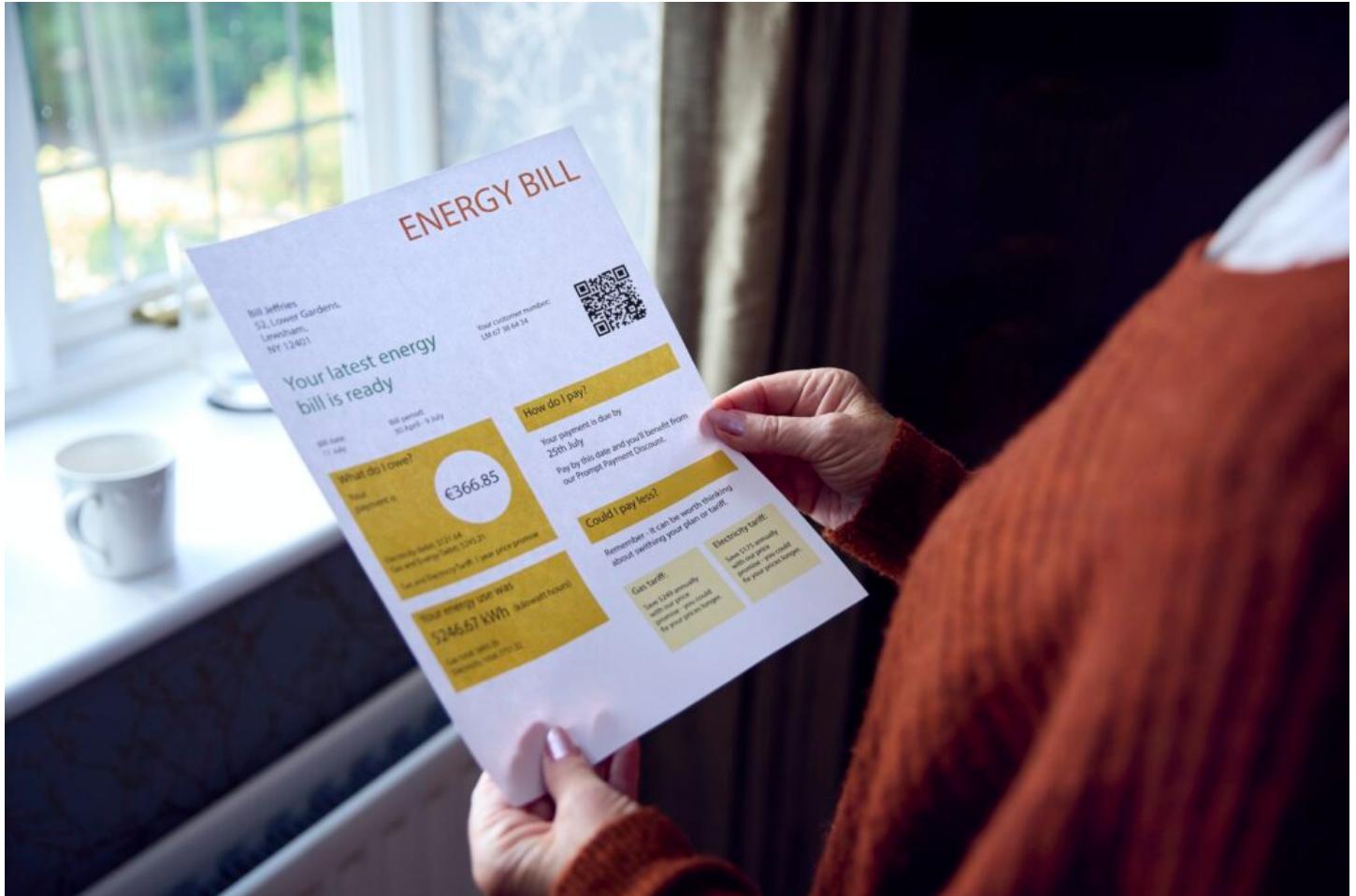


Geeky News Announces New Article: "The UK Government Is Urged to Extend Support for Vulnerable Households This Winter"



Surrey, United Kingdom Sep 26, 2023 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Geeky News, a leading technology and lifestyle journal, is pleased to announce the publication of a new article that sheds light on the pressing concerns surrounding the impending winter energy crisis in the United Kingdom.

Titled "The UK Government Is Urged to Extend Support for Vulnerable Households This Winter," the article discusses the challenges facing households as the colder months approach and calls for immediate government action to assist those grappling with soaring energy bills.

As winter draws near, concerns over the energy crisis have intensified, prompting Members of Parliament (MPs) to urge the government to take swift action. The Energy Security and Net Zero Committee, comprising prominent MPs, has called for urgent government intervention to help residents already burdened by debt and the rising cost of living.

Last winter, the UK government provided vital support through initiatives such as the Energy Price Guarantee and Energy Bills Support Scheme. However, the committee, led by Angus MacNeil, MP, highlights that certain households missed out on this assistance. That includes those living off-grid or

using traditional prepayment meters. Consequently, the committee insists on extending support to households that did not benefit from last year's Energy Bills Support Scheme.

"The nights are now drawing in, and many of our most vulnerable people will be haunted by harrowing memories of the relentless sacrifices they were forced into last year, just to keep their heads above water in the face of exorbitant energy costs," explained the chair of the committee.

In addition to extending support, the committee has called for the reintroduction of the Warm Home Discount. That is a one-off £150 discount on energy bills for eligible UK residents, designed to alleviate the financial burden on retired and low-income households. The committee also urges the energy regulator, Ofgem, to ensure energy suppliers offer enhanced support to vulnerable consumers.

These concerns have grown more significant as the government has not yet announced any support schemes for the upcoming winter. As a result, a third of families are expected to face rising energy bills compared to the previous year.

There are two primary reasons behind the price hikes. These are changes in the government's approach to energy bill support and an increase in the standing charge affecting all consumers, regardless of their energy usage. To address these issues, the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee has called for the elimination of standing charges and the implementation of a system where consumers pay only for the energy they use.

In response to the committee's report, a spokesperson from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero reassured the public, stating, "The Energy Price Guarantee will remain in place to protect people until April next year—part of nearly £40bn of support to cover around half a typical household bill."

In the face of these challenges, households are encouraged to take proactive measures to manage their energy consumption. Simple steps, such as investing in home insulation and regularly maintaining heating boilers, can significantly improve energy efficiency and reduce bills. Companies like [Mulgas](#) offer expert boiler services to ensure optimal system performance and lower energy costs.

For more details on this critical issue, please read the full article on Geeky News:
<https://www.geekynews.co.uk/extended-support-for-households-needed/>

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