

Notice of Motion

Motion to be moved by Councillor Hofman:

Council believes everyone should be able to spend the final days, weeks and months of their life focusing on what really matters, making memories with their loved ones. But life is often more expensive when you live with a terminal diagnosis. While compared to other cities, the cost of living in Hull may be comparatively lower than London and some other major cities, the cost of living has risen significantly since 2022. With this rising cost of living, more and more terminally ill people are being pushed into poverty across the UK every year.

Council agrees with calls from Marie Curie for Councils across England to follow the lead of Manchester City Council and review the financial support they offer people with a terminal illness, and their loved ones meaning that people with less than 12 months to live are exempt from paying Council Tax.

Council understands that suspending Council Tax for terminally ill people means they will face one less financial burden during an already unimaginably difficult time. It's not just a thoughtful act, it could be the difference between security and poverty at the end of life, when comfort and dignity should be non-negotiable.

Council resolves to:

- a) Support the Marie Curie Campaign calling for Council Tax relief for terminally ill residents;
- b) set out a plan for Hull City Council to change its policies to explicitly include a commitment to support people who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness, and
- c) base entitlement on SR1 forms completed by a clinician which confirms a person has a progressive disease, and consequently their patient is expected to pass away within 12 months.

Sources:

[Council tax relief for terminally ill residents | Marie Curie](#)

[Manchester City Council takes pioneering step to tackle end of life poverty |](#)

[Manchester City Council](#)

[Scrap council tax for dying people, says national end of life charity](#)

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[Cost of Living in Kingston upon Hull. Aug 2025. Prices in Kingston upon Hull](#)

[Cost of living latest insights - Office for National Statistics](#)