

Hi,

We are a community led energy project serving Glasgow's Southside. For more information please visit www.southseeds.org.

We on the high street and are busy. Our energy officers see at least 10 households a day. While the area we serve includes all tenures, there is a growing number of residents renting privately. Here, like other areas, prepayments metres are popular in privately rented accommodation. We estimate that 70% of our clients have a prepayment meter and nearly all of our clients are vulnerable in some way.

To us, at the coal face of the energy crisis, it makes perfect sense to spread the cost of prepay across all customers. This is because we see vulnerable clients using prepayment meters really struggling during this energy crisis. They have to pay for what they use when they use it and have no means to spread costs across the year or delay payment by a month or so.

The Government has already made the case for levies and taxes to be added to energy bills, many of which vulnerable customers may not feel they would not benefit from. During this cost of living crisis it is difficult to an argument against spreading the cost of prepayment across all customers as well.

Do let me know if you would like further information.

Best wishes

Lucy