



SCOTTISH PENSIONERS' FORUM 27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, GLASGOW 2018

Motion 1

"The SPF Executive is urged to campaign for the removal of VAT from Gas and Electricity charges. Heating is a service essential to life and with our withdrawal from the European Union, there is no necessity to pay this tax. We ask that this issue is raised with the STUC, the Scottish Government and other appropriate bodies such as the Labour Party so that it can be incorporated in the latter's Manifesto for the next General Election."

Proposed by Maureen Gardner, Individual Member

Motion 2

"Conference notes that according to The Sunday Times UK Rich List ' the country's 1000 richest individuals and families have seen their combined fortunes surge by 14% or £83 billion, to £658billion over the past year.

The 73 Scots in the Rich List have seen their wealth increase by 12.64% more than the 72 Rich List Scots of last year. The wealth of the top 50 Scots this year is more than the total wealth of all Scots in the UK richest 1000 last year.'

Clearly, the billionaires are getting richer and the multibillionaires too.

Conference notes that against this backdrop poverty, including pensioner poverty, is rising throughout the UK. In Scotland there are 160,000 pensioners living in poverty after housing costs, up from 110,000 in 2007-08.

Conference calls on the SPF Executive Committee to work with the STUC, Trade Union Councils, The Poverty Alliance, other anti-poverty groups, and the National Pensioners Convention, to commit to redoubling our efforts to eliminate poverty. In a rich country poverty is not an accident. It's a political choice that we can change."

Proposed by Elinor McKenzie, Individual Member.