

**Council: Tuesday 19 October 2021**

**Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Barry Rawlings**

**Reinstate the universal credit uplift**

Council notes the cruel decision by this Conservative Government to press ahead with the removal of the £20 a week universal credit uplift for those hard-pressed and working families struggling to make ends meet during a cost-of-living crisis and before we have fully emerged from the pandemic.

Council notes that, according to the latest Government figures, it will cost an estimated 37,898 people in Barnet £1,040 a year each - which is a potential loss of £39,413,920 to the local economy.

Council asks all Barnet's councillors to defend the 37,898 residents and the local economy from this cut by agreeing to jointly lobby the Government to reinstate the uplift.