



Acis backs Poverty and Homelessness Action Week

Calls for fairer fuel bill rates for families on pre-payment meters have been made by housing association Acis as it backs Poverty and Homelessness Action Week (31 January to 8 February).

In the current economic climate, many families are already facing increased problems due to unemployment and debt as well as rising food and fuel prices. Acis has, therefore, renewed its pleas to energy suppliers to re-think its policy on pre-payment meters in a bid to ease the plight of thousands of families in most need.

"This is clearly an issue for our customers," said Chief Executive of Acis, Valerie Waby. "Many of our customers pay for their gas and electricity via pre-payment meters and so face higher tariffs as a result. At Acis, we believe this is not fair and have been lobbying local Members of Parliament to help us to force energy companies to offer fairer rates for those on pre-payment meters."

As part of national Poverty and Homelessness Action Week – a week of action to highlight problems of poverty and homelessness – Acis has vowed to raise awareness of the issues surrounding fuel poverty.

As a registered social landlord, Acis is committed to helping its customers overcome issues surrounding housing and finances. It recognises the difficulties many face and provides a free confidential debt and benefits advice service for customers to help them tackle their finances.