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Leicester Council drops 76% heating charge increase for second poorest estate in UK.

Acting on behalf of representatives on the UK's second poorest council estate, (St Matthews in Leicester), Public Law Project has successfully challenged the Council's decision to increase the heating charges paid by council tenants by 76%.

In a letter dated 27th January 09, Leicester Council informed Conrad Haley, Director of PLP, that on 26th January the Council's Cabinet rescinded the decision of 1st October 2008, which had increased the district heating charges by 76% with effect from 10th November 2008.

"The effect of the decision is that district heating charges remain as they were on 9th November 2008. This will of course apply to all affected tenants including your clients. Those tenants who have paid the increase will be offered a refund or a credit to their rent accounts." – Anthony Cross, Head of Litigation, Leicester Council.

This work has come out of PLP's Empowering the Voluntary Sector project, the aim of which is to increase the knowledge of public law principles and remedies amongst small and vulnerable community groups and, in this case, tenants' associations.