<u>Green Party reaction to Autumn Budget:</u> <u>Papering over the cracks</u>

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Reacting to the Autumn Budget statement delivered by the chancellor Rachel Reeves today, Green Party Treasury spokesperson, Adrian Ramsay MP, said:

"Instead of delivering a transformational Budget to tax extreme wealth fairly and tackle the cost-of-living crisis, this Labour Government has once again chosen to paper over the cracks — with half-measures that won't do enough to fix the deep-rooted problems in our economy that are keeping ordinary people in poverty while the super-rich get richer.

"The Chancellor spoke about asking everyone to make a contribution, but it is frankly inexcusable that she has made the political choice to squeeze households already struggling with the cost of essentials, whilst letting multimillionaires and billionaires off the hook.

"It is indefensible that the Chancellor is cutting vital home insulation funding, one of the best ways to lower bills.

"And whilst scrapping the cruel two-child benefit cap will be a huge relief to families across the country, it is unforgivable that it has taken 18 months for the Chancellor to acknowledge the terrible harm and distress this cap has caused to so many families. Far more action is needed to end the scandal of child poverty."

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