
REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE 7 FEBRUARY 2023**PORTFOLIO: COMMUNITIES, HOUSING & HEALTH****REPORT FROM DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITIES & HEALTH****SUBJECT: COST OF LIVING UPDATE****1 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED**

- 1.1 That the update on the cost of living response and work of the Cost of Living Working Group be noted.

2 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To allow Members oversight of the work being undertaken by officers to respond to the crisis and ensure we are supporting our residents, businesses, and staff.

3 SALIENT INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council continues its focus on our response to the Cost-of Living crisis to support our residents, businesses, and staff.
- 3.2 As reported previously to the Executive on 19 January, officers have been developing a dashboard with our partners to show the impact of the cost of living and the support, advice and guidance being provided locally.
- 3.3 Albeit the dashboard is in its infancy, it has been agreed that Members will be provided with a copy at each meeting of the Executive moving forward. As we obtain more data over the coming months it will assist in identifying any trends, emerging support needs for our residents, businesses and staff, any funding gaps, and resource issues that need addressing for our partner agencies who are already seeing pressures on their services.
- 3.4 Members need to be mindful that the information for the dashboard will be collected monthly from our partners on the 21st of each month. Therefore, subject to the date of each meeting of the Executive, data may be unavailable and as a result there may be no change.
- 3.5 Officers will present the latest version of the dashboard to Members at the Executive on 7 February.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The risk implications are set out in the action plan

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Consideration will need to be given for any additional financial support that is provided. Any central government grants may need to be applied for and will need to be allocated accordingly.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Any work undertaken by the Council, either by itself or in partnership, will be in line with statutory legal guidance.

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been completed as no decision is being made.

I confirm that the above recommendation does not depart from Council policy and that appropriate consideration has been given to any budgetary and legal implications.

Lead Officer Signature: _____



Director of Communities & Health

Background Papers:-

None.

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