

Report to:	Policy and Performance Advisory Committee
Date:	30 November 2020
Title	Support for Local People in Financial Distress
Exemption:	None
Report of:	Report of Director of Service Delivery
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of Cabinet report:	To advise members of the options available to increase financial support to people in financial distress and deliver an increase in the Council tax reduction scheme.
Officer recommendation(s):	<p>Members of the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee are asked to consider the recommendations in the main report attached at Appendix 1 and to make one of the following recommendations:</p> <p>(1) To support the recommendations in the report in full; OR</p> <p>(2) To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration of amendments agreed during discussion OR;</p> <p>(3) To not support the recommendations in the report, and provide reasons for this.</p>
Reasons for recommendations:	To provide a critical friend challenge to the Cabinet decision and policy making process.
Contact Officer(s):	<p>Name: Nick Peeters Post title: Committee Officer E-mail: nick.peeters@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk Telephone number: 01323 415272</p>

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In its role as a provider of public scrutiny and as critical friend, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee has a duty to provide a challenge to the executive decision and policy makers.
- 1.2 The Policy and Performance Advisory Committee is able to provide this challenge through the inclusion of the Council's Forward Plan of Decisions as a standing item on each of the Committee's agendas, allowing the Committee to request the inclusion of reports due for consideration by the Cabinet on its

agenda and by asking that the relevant officers, heads of service or directors, attend the Committee meetings and discuss the content of the reports.

- 1.3 Following consideration of each item, where the Members will be able to ask questions of the relevant officers, heads of service, directors and other stakeholders, the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee will provide one of the following three recommendations to the Cabinet:

- 1) To support the recommendations in the report in full; or
- 2) To support the recommendation in the report subject to the consideration by the Cabinet of any amendments agreed by Committee; or
- 3) To not support the recommendations in the report and give reasons.

- 1.4 The Cabinet will be provided with the recommendations from the Policy and Performance Advisory Committee when it considers the main report.

2 Financial / Legal / Risk Management / Equality Analysis/ Environmental Sustainability Implications/ Background Papers

- 2.1 All implications are addressed in the Cabinet report attached at Appendix 1.

3 Appendices

Appendix A – Cabinet Report – **Support for Local People in Financial Distress**