

### **Motion 3 – Support for ExcludedUK and those excluded from Covid support schemes.**

**To be proposed by Councillor Makepeace and seconded by Councillor Banks:**

#### Preamble:

Three million people across the UK have missed out on Government financial support schemes set up in the pandemic ('the excluded') due to technicalities such as:

- recently changing job;
- being a director of a limited company;
- earning less than half their income through self-employment;

Campaigns such as ExcludedUK have asked that the Government to close the gaps in its financial support schemes and to explore options to retroactively compensate people and businesses that were ineligible for the Government's financial support.

#### **Supporting information -**

ExcludedUK is a grassroots volunteer-run not-for-profit organisation working towards bringing about an end to the exclusions in the UK Government's Covid-19 financial support measures across all employment statuses, circumstances, professions and industries. [EXCLUDED UK article -](https://www.excludeduk.org/en/newsroom/excluding-millions-is-huge-injustice)

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#### Proposed Motion:

#### **We call on the Council to:**

- Support the 'Excluded UK' campaign and its efforts to support 'the excluded';
- Ask the Leader on behalf of the Council to sign ExcludedUK's open letter to the Chancellor that calls for such consideration, calling on the Government to address the disparities in support, to ensure that all can receive support they need at this time; and
- Continue to promote the support available from organisations focused on financial inclusion and support in the District including by:
  - Requesting the Cabinet to consider what additional practical steps the Council can offer to support and advise whenever possible those affected; and.
  - Continuing to promote the Council's community hub that can assist with such matters as help with any support needs.