

Report to:	Policy and Performance Advisory Committee
Date:	29 June 2022
Title:	Cost of Living Crisis
Exemption:	None
Report of:	Ian Fitzpatrick, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of Cabinet report:	To provide an update on measures already taken and to agree a range of measures to support local people struggling due to the cost of living crisis
Officer recommendations to the Cabinet:	<p>(1) To note the initiatives undertaken to date to support those in need</p> <p>(2) To approve that £200k be allocated from the newly created Cost of Living Support Earmarked Reserve, to establish a cost of living crisis fund along with officer time for its administration.</p> <p>(3) To agree that the Deputy Chief Executive be given delegated authority to allocate the cost of living crisis fund in consultation with the Leader.</p>
Recommendations to the Committee	The recommendations are detailed at 1.3 of this report
Reasons for recommendations to the Committee:	To provide a critical friend challenge to the Cabinet decision and policy making process.
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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.

- Appendix 1 – Cost of Living Crisis Report