



Council  
20 October 2022

# ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

## Motions on Notice 1

### Report by the Director for Communities

#### Executive Summary

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Debs Stainforth and seconded by Robina Baine
- 1.2 Council is asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the motion, upon being moved and seconded, be noted by Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Sub-Committee (Adur)

#### 3. Context

- 3.1 A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Debs Stainforth, (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2 The content of the motion is relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties and which affects the District.

- 3.3 There is nothing substantive within the motion that would cause its rejection under the terms of the Constitution.
- 3.4 The motion before Council contains part of the subject matter that is within the remit of the Joint Strategic Sub-Committee (Adur) as defined in para 14.4.1 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules. The motion includes a proposal for the Council to take any substantive action (Para 14.4.4). Therefore, it shall be moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Sub Committee (Adur) for consideration and determination.
- 3.5 If a motion on the agenda at Full Council is to be referred automatically to the Executive, a Regulatory Committee or another Council Committee, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.4, the proposer of the motion will confirm to the Chairperson their proposal of the motion as set out in the report before Council **without** a speech.
- 3.6 Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Joint Strategic Sub Committee (Adur), the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting and explain the motion.

#### **4. Issues for consideration**

- 4.1 Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 The motion has subject matter that comes within the remit of the Joint Strategic Sub-Committee (Adur) and should the Joint Strategic Sub-Committee (Adur) determine that the motion be accepted there may be financial implications in the future.

#### **6. Legal Implications**

- 6.1 Rules concerning motions are set out in the Council's Constitution under paragraph 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules

### **Background Papers**

None

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## Annex A

### **Cost-of-Living Emergency Motion**

**This council will do everything in its power to support its residents with the hardship they face.**

The independent Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) said that households across the UK are facing the highest cost of living burden in 70 years.

The government's energy support may have averted a broad living standards catastrophe, but it won't prevent this winter from being tough for households. Energy bills will still be twice as high as they were last winter, and pay packets are still shrinking at an alarming pace amid double-digit inflation.

The mini-budget unnecessarily plunged the economy into crisis. The Bank of England had to intervene to prevent a run on the pound and the markets were in turmoil over the government's fiscal strategy. Many residents in our community have seen their pensions lose value. Rising interest rates are felt in higher mortgage payments which are also likely to have a knock-on effect with landlords increasing rents

The mini-budget may well increase inflation which is already at a 40-year high. The cost of staple foods rising by 12% will affect poorer households disproportionately as they have less flexibility in their budgets and fewer savings to fall back on.

We note that this council supports the Council Tax Reduction Scheme in full, ensuring the people most affected by the cost-of-living crisis do not have to pay any Council Tax.

This council thanks our officers for the additional work already being done to support residents amid this crisis which included processing the

£150 energy rebates through council tax and setting up a cost of living hub on the council's website.

We ask this council to:

**Declare a cost-of-living emergency by:**

1. Increasing the availability of emergency housing within Adur
2. Improving signposting to benefits and other support
3. Working with non-for-profit organisations to access grants and provide financial advice across the district
4. Providing funding for food support and warm banks to charities supporting residents in dire need
5. Committing to extend the scope of the Councils' Proactive Project
6. Write to WSCC to urgently clarify the new criteria for the Household Support Fund, and to broaden its reach.
7. Writing to the government to deliver on the calls made by UNISON, the NEU and other education unions to expand the free school meals programme to all families receiving universal credit or an equivalent benefit.
8. Writing to the government to urge them to boost DWP benefits immediately in line with inflation and similar to the state pension 'triple lock', or risk plunging the most vulnerable people into financial chaos.

Proposer: Cllr Debs Stainforth

Seconder: Cllr Robina Baine