



Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee  
10 November 2022

# ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Key Decision: [Yes/No]

Ward(s) Affected: All  
Portfolio: Communities & Wellbeing

## **Referral of Motion on Notice from Adur District Council**

### **Report by the Director for Communities**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. This report sets out a motion (attached as Appendix 1) referred from the meeting of Adur District Council on the 20th October 2022.
- 1.2. Members of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee are asked to consider and determine the Motion.
- 1.3. Members can either support the motion and ask for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, members can reject the motion.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. That the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee support the motion and determine how further work is carried out; or,
- 2.2. That the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee reject the motion.

### **3. Context**

- 3.1. At its meeting on the 20th October 2022, Adur District Council received a motion from Councillor Debs Stainforth, seconded by Councillor Robina Baine, details of which can be found at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The motion submitted to Council contained subject matter that is within the remit of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee, as defined in para 14.4.1 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it was moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.3 Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee, the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting of the Cabinet and explain the motion. Councillor Debs Stainforth has been made aware that the motion has been referred to this Sub-Committee.

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

- 4.1 The Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee can either support or reject the motion.
- 4.2 Should the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee support the motion, then the Committee should ask Officers to prepare a further report on the substantive issues to be presented at a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There may be direct financial implications in future depending on the course of action the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee wishes to take.

### **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**

Motion to Adur District Council on the 20th October 2022

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## **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