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Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

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Issue: Cost of Living

Lead Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Leffman, Leader of the Council

Date response requested: 18 April 2023 (response for July agreed with Scrutiny)

Response to report:

Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
	or partially accepted	
That the Council report regularly to the Locality meetings on the spending and activity relating to the cost of living within that locality.	Partially accepted	At this point, there is limited data on the differences in spend and activity between locality areas. However, and especially with the implementation of the Residents Support Scheme from 1 June, data will increasingly be available from Q3. Cost of Living support is on the agenda for the Performance and Corporate Services

¹ Date of the meeting at which report/recommendations were received

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2023, and it is recommended that a view is taken at this committee on how future member engagement is undertaken on the ongoing cost of living crises.
In addition, the council is working on broader long-term plans for tackling financial inequality and deprivation and officers would welcome invitations from locality committees to engage on the distinct circumstances of each local area as part of the engagement, policy development and action planning process.