

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Scrutiny & Overview Committee 21 July 2022
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>COST OF LIVING CRISIS REVIEW</b>
<b>PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:</b>	Councillor Rowenna Davis – Chair of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee
<b>PUBLIC/EXEMPT:</b>	Public

<b>ORIGIN OF ITEM:</b>	The impact of the cost-of-living crisis has been identified as an area of concern for the Committee to review.
<b>BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:</b>	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee is asked to review the information gathered from its preliminary meetings with Community Groups and council officers.

## **1. COST OF LIVING CRISIS REVIEW**

- 1.1 Given the scale of its potential impact, the cost-of-living crisis currently being experienced across the country has been identified as an area for the Scrutiny & Overview Committee to review. Although it is unlikely that the Committee will be able to solve the crisis, it is important to ensure that the Council is able to provide the most effective support for residents and businesses in the borough, within its available resources.
- 1.2 In order to start to understand to scale of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, the Committee has held two meetings. The first meeting held on 7 July was with representatives from local community and voluntary sector organisations. The second meeting, to be held on 12 July, will be with council officers who work in services with direct experience of the impact of the crisis.
- 1.3 Once both meeting have been held, the feedback from both will be compiled and published as a supplement to this agenda later in the week. The Committee is asked to review this information once it has been received and consider how it wished to proceed.

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