


<p style="text-align: center;">Non-Executive Report of the: <b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b></p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Ellie Kershaw, Acting Director Growth and Economic Development</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>

<p><b>Originating Officer(s)</b></p>	<p><b>Ellie Kershaw, Acting Director Growth and Economic Development</b></p>
<p><b>Wards affected</b></p>	<p>All wards</p>

## Executive Summary

The LBTH Growth and Economic Development team is responsible for a number of key initiatives designed to mitigate the impacts of increases to the cost of living, including those delivered by the Tackling Poverty team to support vulnerable residents.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the cost of living crisis, its impact on residents and the measures being taken at the local and national level to mitigate those impacts.

## Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the presentation for information

## 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The LBTH Growth and Economic Development team is responsible for delivering a number of projects designed to mitigate the impacts of increase to the cost of living.
- 1.2 These include delivery of the Mayor's cost of living relief package and the Mayor's energy fund.
- 1.3 Interventions are made against a backdrop of support measures from central government, including the energy bills support scheme, cost of living payments and council tax rebate.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

2.1 N/A

## **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 Steep increases in the costs of energy and food have led to increased financial strain on residents which will have an impact on their ability to heat homes and provide sufficient food for themselves and their families over winter.
- 3.2 A number of measures to mitigate the impacts of this financial strain are already in place at the national level, including the energy bills support scheme, cost of living payments and council tax rebates. These exist alongside existing local level provisions including council tax reductions, housing payments, the residents support scheme, free school meals, the HAF programme and others.
- 3.3 A number of targeted local measures will be rolled out in the coming months, including the allocation of the Household Support Fund through the Mayor's cost of living relief package and the Mayor's energy fund.

## **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 N/A

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- None

#### **Appendices**

- None

#### **Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)**

#### **List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.

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