

Report Title: Addendum Report – Amended Motion Motion by Councillor Mrs Joanne Beavis – Cost-of-Living-Crisis	
Report to: Council	
Date: 12 th December 2022	For: Debate
Key Decision: No	Decision Planner Ref No: Not applicable
Motion Presented by:	Councillor Mrs Joanne Beavis
Motion Seconded by:	Councillor James Abbott
Motion Support by:	Councillors D Abram, S Hicks, Mrs J Sandum, P Thorogood, T Walsh, Miss M Weeks and B Wright
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1. Constitution provisions

Further to the publication of the Agenda, Councillor Mrs Joanne Beavis and Councillor James Abbott are the Proposer and Seconder of the original Motion. Councillor Mrs Joanne Beavis has accepted an Amendment to the Motion which was proposed by Councillor John McKee and seconded by Councillor Graham Butland.

The Amendment was submitted in accordance with Rule 12:20 of Chapter 2 of the Constitution.

In accepting the Amendment, the amended Motion is the Substantive Motion for debate by Full Council and is set out in section 2 below. For the avoidance of doubt in accepting the Amendment, there is no need for full Council to debate and vote on the Amendment.

2. Substantive Motion:

This Council acknowledges that the Cost-of-Living Crisis continues to impact on the quality of life of many residents of the Braintree District. It notes the wide range of actions taken and planned to be taken to minimise the effects of the rising cost of living, as set out in item 12 of the Agenda for the Council meeting to be held on Monday 12th December 2022. The Council commends the Cabinet on the speed of its response to the recommendations from the all party Joint Scrutiny Committee, presented to Council on 10th October 2022, in line with commitment given by the Leader of Council at that meeting.

Council agrees that it will:

- Continue to use every measure available to it to ensure that our residents who are most vulnerable will be supported, including by working with partner organisations to ensure that community initiatives to help those most in need are achieved speedily;
- Ensure that in setting the 2023/24 budget and measures to meet the budget gap, it will consider the impact on all residents, particularly those most in need of support, when seeking efficiency improvements and any cost reductions to services necessary to create a balanced budget;
- Commit to ensuring that in the current difficult financial environment all residents continue to be at the forefront of its corporate decision making, and that it will continue to use all reasonable measures available to it to ensure that residents who are most vulnerable can be supported.