

# Executive Report



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## WINTER PLAN 2023/2024

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Exempt / confidential / not for publication	<b>No</b>
Council Plan reference	<b>Council Plan Delivery Plan - Section J 'Mitigating the rise in child poverty and the impact of the cost of living crisis' Action 40 and 42</b>
Wards affected	<b>All wards</b>

### Executive summary

The 2023/24 Winter Plan sets out how the City Council plans to respond to the ongoing pressures on residents caused by the cost of living crisis over the next five months. It contains four sections; partnerships, children and families, energy and housing, immediate support and how we will raise awareness of the support on offer.

#### 1. Proposed Decision

1.1 That the 2023/24 Winter Plan (set out at Annex A), be noted.

#### 2. Why is the decision needed?

2.1 The cost of living crisis continues to place pressure on many household budgets. Inflation remains well above the government target and although some areas of expenditure, such as energy prices, have reduced over the last six months, they remain at an elevated level.

## Implications of the decision

Financial	Y	Human rights, equalities, diversity	
Legal		Policies or Council Plan	
Communication	Y	Procurement	
Energy Efficiency		Workforce	

### a) Financial implications

The spending set out in the Winter Plan is within the approved budget. The proposed use for Government grant is compliant with specified grant conditions.

### b) Legal and other implications

There are no legal implications arising. As set out in the plan, communications activity and specific campaign branding will support the plan generally, alongside three special campaigns.

## 3. Alternatives

- 3.1 To take no further action. This is not recommended, as it would mean that the Council does not have a clear response to the financial pressures being placed on residents caused by the cost of living crisis.

## 4. Timetable for implementation

- 4.1 The Winter Plan would cover the period November 2023 to 31 March 2024 (five months) with immediate implementation of the new programmes set out in Annex A.

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## List of annexes

Annex A – Winter Plan 2023/24.

## List of background papers

None.