

## **MSDC COUNCIL – 27 JANUARY 2022**

### **ITEM 9 - QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS**

#### **Question 1 - Councillor Otton to Councillor Richardson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing**

The decision of the chancellor to axe the £20 universal uplift on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 has left many people in mid suffolk struggling to meet the costs of rising energy bills, many low income families hit by the increase in national insurance from April 2023 and the rising cost of living.

We recognise the extra money the chancellor has made available but that still leaves many needing to seek advice. What is mid Suffolk doing to help and support those individuals and families who are facing financial difficulties?

#### **Question 2 - Councillor Mellen to Councillor Whitehead, Cabinet Member for Finance**

During last year's budget discussion the Council agreed to set aside £4 million for specific project areas to be agreed by all-Councillor workshops. Subsequently Cabinet agreed in November the allocation of £5.1 million to the identified priorities. How much of this money will have been spent by the end of the current financial year?

#### **Question 3 - Councillor Eburne to Councillor Whitehead, Cabinet Member for Finance**

Since September 2020 individuals can claim £500 from the Self-isolation Support Payment Scheme if they cannot work due to self-isolation. What percentage of claims received have been paid? How much Government funding is the Council still holding?