

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL and MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO:	Joint Overview and Scrutiny committee	REPORT NUMBER: JOS/22/23
FROM:	Cllr. Mary McLaren and Cllr. Julie Flatman – Cabinet Members for Communities	DATE OF MEETING: 21 November 2022
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REVIEW OF LOCAL CITIZENS ADVICE AND THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report aims to provide the following:

- 1.1 Context and background as to the changing landscape of the cost of living crisis
- 1.2 A summary of the work undertaken over the last 6 months against the 5-point plan which was agreed by both cabinets in June 2022.
- 1.3 Taking stock of lessons learned, work that has been completed or changed throughout the last 6 months, recognising our need to work collectively across the system and create an iterative and flexible approach to respond to the changing nature of the crisis.
- 1.4 The session will use BMSDC’s work on the Action plan as a background and context for the work of Sudbury and District and Mid Suffolk CA’s as key partners delivering services and support to our district’s residents.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To review the content of the 6 month dashboard report
- 2.2 To review the information shared by Sudbury & District and Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice organisations and provide comment and feedback on key areas of priority and focus moving forward.

3. KEY INFORMATION

- 3.1 Please see attached dashboard report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The dashboard report has been shared for consultation with internal stakeholders for feedback and comment.

8. EQUALITY ANALYSIS

8.1 There is no requirement to complete an EQIA at this time.

9. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN

9.1 The joint Corporate Plan is designed to address the challenges and provide opportunities for the wellbeing of our communities. Its vision is to have 'Great communities with bright and healthy futures that everyone is proud to call home'.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct environmental implications directly associated with this report.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

11.1 Cost of Living 5-Point Action Plan Dashboard Report

Appendices

Title	Location
(a) Cost of Living Crisis – Progress Report (November 2022)	Attached

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