

**INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION-MAKING**

**RECORD OF DECISION**

**PART A**

<b>DETAILS OF REPORT</b> <i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to cabinet member)</i>	
<b>Title of report</b>	Southwark Cost of Living Fund 2024
<b>Decision-maker</b>	Cabinet Member for Equalities, Democracy and Finance
<b>Earliest date when decision can be taken</b>	8 November 2024
<b>Key decision – Yes/No?</b>	Yes
<b>Date published on forward plan</b>	August 2024
<b>Date sent to cabinet member</b>	23 October 2024
<b>Recommendation</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis, what it means for residents of Southwark, and the council's ongoing approach to support residents in 2024/25 be noted.</li> <li>2. To note the council's £2.734m allocation from the Government's Household Support Fund covering the period of October 2024 – March 2025 and its inclusion within a new Southwark Council Cost of Living Fund in 2024/25.</li> <li>3. To approve the new Southwark Cost of Living response for the period October 2024 – March 2025 and the Cash First approach to the distribution of support (Help to pay bills).</li> <li>4. That responsibility is delegated to the Strategic Director for Resources with delegated responsibility to make future amendments to the Southwark Cost of Living Fund in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Equalities Democracy and Finance.</li> </ol>

	5. To note other activities to support residents during the Cost-of-Living crisis including all the strands set out below.
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**ORIGINATING AUTHOR'S DETAILS**

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**PART B**

*(Cabinet member to complete this section)*

**DECISION(S)**

Recommendations agreed.

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

As outlined in report.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS  
CONSIDERED**

None.

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED**

None.

**ADDITIONAL ADVICE RECEIVED**

None.

## ANY INTERESTS DECLARED

*Note: If the decision-maker has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter the report must be referred to the full cabinet for decision.*

*Where a cabinet member may discharge a function alone and becomes aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter being dealt with or to be dealt with by her/him, the cabinet member must notify the monitoring officer of the interest within 28 days and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter.*

*If a member is unsure as to whether an interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest they should contact the governance team for advice.*

## DECLARATION

I approve/~~reject~~ the recommendations set out in the report.\*

or

~~I approved an alternative course of action set out in Part B.\*~~

or

~~I have referred this matter to the Full Cabinet for decision.\*~~

(\* - Please delete as appropriate)



Signed

..... Dated.....08/11/2024.....

Cabinet Member

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## Seeking advice

You should seek advice from the relevant officer on a number of occasions:

- (a) If you wish to consider alternative options
- (b) If you are considering rejecting the proposals

Otherwise it is at your discretion when you should seek further advice and you should do so when you consider it appropriate.