

# Kirklees Council Cost of Living Action Plan

## Summary

November 2022

### Scope

The cost of living action plan is made up of the council's short to medium/long term priorities on cost of living against three areas:

#### 1. Emergency response – our focus now for direct support for people already in crisis

- a. Warm spaces
- b. West Yorkshire Mayor's Fund
- c. Communications
- d. Access to support: food (food banks, free school meals, The Bread and Butter Thing); financial advice (benefits and customer service centre advice); and local delivery of the Household Support Fund
- e. Support for businesses

#### 2. Resilience – our focus now to build places where people look after each other

- a. Community power: the role of councillors; VCSE strategy; and ward-level cross-sector partnership working
- b. Community response

#### 3. Prevention – acting now to address the medium- and long-term challenges and prevent future crisis

- a. Economic strategy and long-term recovery: growth; infrastructure; business support; and skills
- b. Working, volunteering, participating, and aspiring
- c. Lobbying (national and regional)

Recognising the urgency of the need, the action plan is primarily focussed on accelerating and scaling up existing work rather than establishing completely new projects.

### Delivery

Services from across the council are involved in this delivery, with each of the workstreams above assigned to specific services. The Cabinet member for Corporate Services leads on services' role in the delivery of the action plan.

As place leaders, ward councillors are fundamental to local delivery, coordination, and communication across all the workstreams.