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EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

An Extraordinary meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee will be held in the **Council Chamber at Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5LF** on **Thursday 3 November 2022 at 8.00 pm** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors Gunner (Chair), Pendleton (Vice-Chair), Cooper, Dixon, Goodheart, Oppler, Roberts, Stanley and Dr Walsh

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A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Members and Officers should make their declaration by stating:

- 1) the item they have the interest in
- 2) whether it is a pecuniary/personal interest and/or prejudicial interest
- 3) the nature of the interest

ITEMS PUT FORWARD FROM SERVICE COMMITTEES

3. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE HOUSING & WELLBEING COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2022 (Pages 1 - 20)

To consider any recommendations from the extraordinary meeting of the Housing & Wellbeing Committee held on 3 November 2022 at 6pm in relation to the Cost of Living Report and any financial implications.

Note : If Members have any detailed questions, they are reminded that they need to inform the Chair and relevant Director in advance of the meeting.

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Arun District Council

REPORT TO:	EXTRAORDINARY, HOUSING & WELLBEING COMMITTEE, 3 NOV 2022 EXTRAORDINARY, POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE, 3 NOV 2022
SUBJECT:	COST OF LIVING
LEAD OFFICER:	GEORGINA BOUETTE, WELLBEING & COMMUNITIES MANAGER
LEAD MEMBER:	COUNCILLOR JACKY PENDLETON
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY / POLICY CONTEXT / CORPORATE VISION: IMPROVING THE WELLBEING OF ARUN: To plan services, resources, amenities, activities, and places to help our community thrive Support the voluntary and community sector to provide services that help the most vulnerable in our community	
DIRECTORATE POLICY CONTEXT: The Wellbeing and Communities Group work with key partners to deliver a range of services to support the community. Cost of living pressures are having an impact on a broad range of the community and those affected require information and support from a number of agencies. It is important that those agencies have the necessary resources and that the services delivered are complementary and effort is not duplicated.	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: A cost of living support package totalling £180,000 funded from interest on balances in 2022/23.	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To outline the urgent cost of living pressures and propose measure to help mitigate some of the negative effects in the short term.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Housing and Wellbeing Committee:

- 1.2. Approve the following initiatives totalling £180,000 to support the residents of the district during the cost of living pressures, subject to approval by the Policy and Finance Committee of funding (detailed in Appendix A):
 - 1.2.1. Energy Advice and Support £40,000
 - 1.2.2. Energy Efficiency Home Adviser £40,000

- 1.2.3. Funding support for local food banks £20,000
 - 1.2.4. Small grants to VCS organisations £25,000
 - 1.2.5. Cost of living co-ordinator post £55,000
- 1.3. Recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee to approve a virement of £180,000 to fund the cost of living crisis initiatives identified in recommendation 2.1 from additional interest on balances in 2022/23.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1. Council officers have been working with local partners to scope and assess the impact of the current and future cost of living pressures in Arun communities. The findings are outlined in this report which includes information on work being delivered. The report also outlines proposals to provide further support for local communities, families, and residents in greatest need.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1. Council Officers have been working closely with the key local delivery partners involved in responding to the cost of living pressures. This work is reflected in the Arun Local Community Network partnership cost of living risk register, a live document used to map and support collaborative working to meet identified needs (see Appendix B).
- 3.2. The imminent cost of living issues are the affordability of essential services and goods namely, energy, mortgages, food and fuel. The cumulative effect of these mean that many households will face difficult choices which may have a detrimental impact to their health and wellbeing.
- 3.3. The scale of this impact is significant. In a normal economic downturn, a small proportion of the local population may be affected, but due to large increases in predominantly energy and mortgage costs, those who previously may have been able to absorb minor additional household expenditures now face increasing pressures on their household income. Thus, a much larger and wider proportion of the population is affected. For those already vulnerable, the risk and impact will increase, particularly as we approach the cooler winter months.
- 3.4. Professional insight identifies that the cost of living will result in hardship with residents having to make difficult choices in how they allocate their finite financial resources. For example, choosing whether to heat their homes or eat or pay for other essential household items including council tax and rent.
- 3.5. The council will not be immune to the impacts of the cost of living. Key services that are likely to be affected include:
- 3.6. **Council Tax and Business Rates:** people and businesses are more likely to fall into arrears posing a financial risk for the council
- 3.7. **Housing:**

- 3.7.1. Homelessness: people may accrue rent arrears leading to eviction, increased demand for homelessness services and / insecurely housed / or rough sleeping numbers. This may also include those with mortgages should the interest rates continue to rise and homes are repossessed
- 3.7.2. Tenants / Arun District Council Housing: increase in tenant rent arrears and deterioration of council housing stock as people choose not to heat their homes, leading to increasing financial liability to maintain stock to the required regulated standards. Increased risks of fire safety as people may use unsafe methods to heat their homes.
- 3.8. **Revenues & Benefits:** increased demand for housing benefit and other discretionary funds. Also increased pressure on staff to support local delivery of any further government grants / aid.
- 3.9. **Business Revenue:** the uncertainty of uncapped energy prices on business, and the likelihood that people will restrict their spending, could result in the failure of SME's in the District. In the short term, this would result in loss of revenue to the council through business rates and in the longer term, undermining the economic regeneration of the district.
- 3.10. **Community Wellbeing:** the overall health and wellbeing of our local communities is at risk of deterioration, compounding and entrenching existing health inequalities across the district. Arun has the greatest number of deprived areas in West Sussex of which some are in the top 10% most deprived nationally. VAAC, our local community and infrastructure partner has indicated that there will be fewer local volunteers than during the pandemic as people turn to paid employment undermining the capacity and strength of grassroot community support.

4. OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- 4.1. The purpose of this report is to bring forward the work of the key local partners working together to address cost of living pressures. The proposals reflect the immediate needs to provide support for local communities, families, and residents in greatest need

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1. Consultation has been undertaken with key local partners including Citizens Advice, Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester, Age UK West Sussex Brighton & Hove and the Arun Local Community Network.

6. COMMENT OF THE INTERIM GROUP HEAD OF FINANCE/S151 OFFICER

- 7.1 The increase in expenditure can be funded from a virement from additional interest on investment income in 2022/23, subject to approval by the Policy and Finance Committee.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1. None.

8. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP HEAD OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE & MONITORING OFFICER

8.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

9. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

9.1. Additional temporary member of staff to coordinate the Council's cost of living work

10. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPACT

10.1. None

11. PROPERTY & ESTATES IMPACT

11.1. None

12. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

12.1. The proposal will support the universally services provided by voluntary and community sector partners.

13. CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

13.1. None

14. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

14.1. None

15. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT

15.1. The resources will be used to bolster and promote universal services available to the community.

16. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS

16.1. None.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Appendix A - Arun Local Community Network partnership priorities to support local cost of living pressures

<i>Why</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Impact</i>
<i>Increasing Energy Costs</i>	<i>Energy advice and support</i>	<i>Commission existing supplier</i>	<i>Citizens Advice</i>	<i>£40,000 1 year</i>	<i>Trusted partner has expertise and capacity to provide telephone and drop-in service for: Advice and support to deal with energy debts Access grants to mitigate financial hardship Understand energy bills / meters and advice on tariff comparison and switch suppliers NB - no home visits Enables continuity of service during winter months</i>
<i>Increasing Energy Costs</i>	<i>Energy efficiency home adviser</i>	<i>Home visits</i>	<i>Citizens Advice</i>	<i>£40,000 1 year</i>	<i>Prevent deterioration of Council housing stock and supports vulnerable households through providing face to face support to help households implement practical home energy efficiency measures.</i>
<i>Decreasing availability of access to free food for those in need</i>	<i>Additional funds to local Food Banks and voluntary partners to distribute free food</i>	<i>Grant aid to 2 x local food banks</i>	<i>Arun Food Partnership</i>	<i>£20,000 1 year</i>	<i>Increase availability of free food to avert hardship during autumn and winter months</i>

<i>Support local community and voluntary sector to respond to cost of living pressures for the benefit of residents</i>	<i>Provide a small grant scheme to support local community and voluntary sector responses to cost of living</i>	<i>Council to provide small grant fund to allocated to local community and voluntary sector, prioritising small to medium size organisations</i>	<i>ADC</i>	<i>£25,000 Autumn / Winter</i>	<i>Create and sustain warm spaces in community buildings available for residents / overcoming isolation by providing community activities that support and connect local residents / Fund to provide refreshments in warm spaces / Support delivery of advice and support from other organisations in a community trusted space to increase reach and accessibility [Cost of Living Coordinator to manage]</i>
<i>Need for a council coordinated response to cost of living pressures</i>	<i>Coordinator to deliver local cost of living response internally and externally</i>	<i>Cost of Living Coordinator</i>	<i>ADC</i>	<i>Up to £55,000 including on costs</i>	<i>Dedicated internal resource for one year (Scale 9 £33,500 to £36,370) to coordinate the council's internal and external cost of living work and support the ongoing activities and responses from local voluntary and community sector partners. Manage grant schemes, facilitate warm spaces and associated support networks. Provide timely and accessible cost of living information to staff and residents, support local delivery, maintain website, social media and develop local events. Produce cost of living dashboard to monitor impact and progress.</i>

Appendix B - Arun Local Community Network partnership cost of living risk register

Outline known cost of living risks for local communities and organisations in Arun to take appropriate partnership actions to mitigate negative impacts in the short, medium, and long term. These are:

1. Risks that could potentially have an Arun wide impact and/ or
2. Risks that cannot be managed solely within partnership organisations because additional level support or intervention is needed.

RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Energy (affordability)	<p>Residents will be faced with severe hardship or destitution and with making difficult choices including whether to heat or eat or use money for medication or any health improvement activity.</p> <p>Some will not be able to pay essential bills like council tax, rent, energy leading to disconnection or self-disconnection and potential homelessness and threaten prosecution.</p> <p>Petty crime (shop lifting) likely to increase for self or to create income to pay other bills or to go to prison as food and heating is at least provided. This needs to be considered separately.</p> <p>Vulnerable are likely to become targets and victims of illegal lenders and face</p>	<p>Energy going bills up to £3,359 a year from October 22 and to £3,616 from January 23 and likely to increase again in April 23.</p> <p>Rise in food and petrol/fuel prices. Inflation at 10%.</p>	<p>Vulnerable groups unable to keep warm leading to health deterioration and even death.</p> <p>Households on a pre-payment meter will self-disconnect, and others will be at risk of disconnection.</p> <p>Increase in overall indebtedness leading to deterioration to mental health and possible suicide</p> <p>Increase of homeless population and the impact of homelessness.</p> <p>Vulnerable living in fear of violence from loan sharks</p> <p>Missed medical appointments leading to health deterioration.</p>

Bognor Regis	Food (affordability)	violence or threat of violence to them or their family The cost increase on food leading to residents using cheap and unhealthy food alternatives or massively relying on food services for the vulnerable. Food supplies are reducing into food partners for onward distribution to vulnerable people. Reducing cohesive food offer to individuals through random food being provided	Price increases and reducing availability (Ukrainian War / inflation)	Disabled people becoming self-isolated due to inability to join activities Some residents could face the consequences of malnutrition and health deterioration caused by unhealthy eating Nutritional food may become less of a priority compared with housing and energy.
	Petrol / Fuel (affordability)	Residents will find it difficult, especially those reliant on a car, to attend essential appointments e.g., hospital		
EXISTING CONTROL/ MITIGATING ACTIONS			FURTHER ACTIONS	
			<i>What are the gaps? What needs additional support to reduce risk / negative impact (human, financial, assets)</i>	
Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the Single Point of Contact energy Advice service – needs additional funding to continue provision- Redress scheme due to end in September.- The Laburnum Centre in Bognor Regis is a warm place for older people to spend time *.- Energy and water efficiency measures			Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sources of support information and services in one cohesive offer / place- social media campaign e.g., ‘feed the young so they can thrive and learn’- Flag online support where we know content is strong e.g., Money Saving Expert	

Debt

- Arun funded debt adviser but only for people facing homelessness
- Money and Pension Service telephone service only dealing with 10-15 of current demand
- Bognor foodbank adviser
- Christians Against Poverty not delivery a service in Bognor at the moment
- Council Housing have a debt advisor but only for their tenants – not universal.

Financial capability services

- Age UK provide services to support older people with their finances, including information and advice *
- Government payments – ensuring access and take up

Food services

- Foodbanks and community fridge but demand may exceed capacity

Household Support Fund (HSF)

- referrals link to VCSE
- HSF guaranteed till 30th September
- Citizens Advice has shared their campaign and criteria
- WSCC Community Hub offer being open to all.

NAVCO looking to share best practice across VCSE sector

- AgeUK to increase level of promotional work to advertise services available *

Schools – need to understand what they are doing / further plans against a background where they also have cost pressures

Utilities – fuel / water / broadband / mobiles = social tariffs and free data: joint work with utilities re unclaimed social tariffs example of South East water

Link to supermarkets – range of initiatives being offered around school uniform costs / discount days / children's meals

Policy and Practice – Lift dashboard proactive tool re GIS identification of welfare benefits that go unclaimed

Co-operative buying clubs

Household Support Fund - each participatory member/organisation of cost of living group needs to continually promote this fund with third party organisations.

The gaps with food supply are the tendency to give to only food banks – even in crisis a lot of people will not go to them due to stigma or perceived barriers/criteria. (The Food Foundation statistic that even when people had not eaten for three days still only half would go to their food bank.) There is a need to support the informal food providers in their food supply as well as the food banks. And include them in promotion of the household support offer so that people can be linked to wider COL support.

Petrol stations are a possible currently untapped source of surplus food. Arun Food Partnership could reach out to them. (not a long-term solution

Community Transport	<p>but supplies need increasing in the meantime).</p> <p>For increasing petrol costs – discuss potential solutions with Community Transport Sussex and local providers of community transport e.g., help with essential travel for those who cannot afford fuel or public transport such as attending hospital appointments.</p>
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RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Housing	<p>People already living in damp accommodation triggering increases in respiratory illness.</p> <p>People unable to afford rent / mortgage – could see increases in homelessness presentations to council.</p> <p>Lack of affordable housing</p> <p>Lack of private landlords being willing to rent</p> <p>Increased risk of fire: people may use alternatives e.g., candles.</p>	<p>Rising energy costs</p> <p>Energy cap going up in October will increase this further as people heat their homes less.</p>	<p>Increased poor health outcomes from living in damp / unheated homes</p> <p>Increased presentations of at risk and / or homelessness / rough sleeping</p> <p>Increase in house fires</p>

EXISTING CONTROLS/ MITIGATING ACTIONS	FURTHER ACTIONS
<p>You Tube video re damp / condensation</p> <p>AgeUK are working with Fire & Rescue Service to increase awareness of fire safety and refer customers for fire safety assessments.</p> <p>Fire & Rescue carrying out 'safe and well' visits.</p>	<p>Greater awareness of impact of living in damp conditions and need to 'heat' homes to prevent deterioration: invest in specialist Home Energy resource for home visits to give practical advice and education on energy efficiency measures to mitigate negative impacts on health.</p> <p>Scope / understand hotspot areas and segment population based on respiratory disease levels to target work.</p> <p>Link to Housing Services – ask question re capped gas requests / numbers and look to support.</p> <p>Look at those with more complex mental health and substance abuse needs – knock-on impact on their ability to retain accommodation. Renew closer working with key partners e.g., Change Grow Live (drug and alcohol public services provider)</p> <p>Increase levels of promotion for the services available to older people locally, including assessment and information sessions.</p>

RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Community Assets and estates	Decreased availability of partnership and community estates and assets to provide local warm spaces over winter months due to increasing cost pressures e.g., increasing energy costs.	Rising energy costs	Community and voluntary sector organisations may have to close their buildings and / or decrease support.
EXISTING CONTROLS/ MITIGATING ACTIONS		FURTHER ACTIONS	
<p>Schools looking to extend homework clubs and provide other family activities – need to be aware of these</p> <p>Wide range of community facilities / activities across local CVS network and warm spaces offer: need to collate and make this information available in local communities and across partnership networks for maximum use / take up.</p> <p>Wide range of local partners who may be able to help e.g. Littlehampton United Church/Turning Tides Hub (the food bank is also located here); Littlehampton Baptist Church; Shore Community Church (Bognor); Bognor Methodist Church; Salvation Army Hub Bognor; Holy Cross Church Bersted; St Mary's Felpham (already provide free food); St Nicholas Arundel (providing free food); Littlehampton Quakers, St Peter's and St Paul's Rustington (provide a regular food pantry); All Saints Wick (Creative Heart Café is</p>		<p>Develop register of Home from Home offers – cafes / community centre, churches, warm welcoming and connection</p> <p>Work with cinemas – could we offer discounted family evenings?</p> <p>Dedicated resource needed to co-ordinate and work with our local partners across all sectors and local Councillors.</p>	

run by two members of this church and may also be an option for a venue, depending on where things are at with the second floor now); Pagham United Reform Church AKA St Ninian's (runs a monthly community café)	
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RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Vulnerable Families / Individuals	Increasing financial insecurity exacerbating and compounding existing vulnerability for those most in need and drawing in more people who require help and assistance.	Increasing inflation, interest rates / economic pressures	Increasing vulnerability for those already in need
EXISTING CONTROLS/ MITIGATING ACTIONS		FURTHER ACTIONS	
<p>Promotion of VCSE Support that is available</p> <p>Scam awareness / loan shark campaigns to prevent fraud and exploitation.</p> <p>A range of services provided by AgeUK to support older people to remain safe and well</p> <p>Family Support Work charity -based in Bognor and Rustington</p>		<p>Widen the reach of VCSE activities</p> <p>Work with banks on scam awareness and community safety partnership / safeguarding teams for targeted work in areas of greatest need for safety messaging and awareness. Mobilise awareness through Joint Action Group (community safety) who have networks with all town and parish councils to promote messaging.</p>	

<p>Early Help - a need to work more closely in partnership with them and their “targeted approach” of certain families</p> <p>Work closely with Adult Services to provide cost of living information and obtain insight / data on local impacts and support partnership working on cost of living initiatives. Includes Prevention Assessment Team, Older People’s Mental Health Team, Lifelong Services.</p>	<p>Further promotion of services available to families locally, so that they know where to find support</p> <p>Further promotion of services available to older people locally, so that they know where to find support</p>
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RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
<p>Organisational Workforce and Capacity</p>	<p>Increasing service demand from local communities, stretching existing resources.</p> <p>Loss of income for business – could lead to closure. Adverse impact to workforce and local communities.</p> <p>Loss of business rates.</p>	<p>More residents needing help to deal with cost of living pressures</p>	<p>Demand may exceed capacity, decreasing timely access to help and support.</p>
EXISTING CONTROLS/ MITIGATING ACTIONS		FURTHER ACTIONS	

<p>Continue to promote volunteering opportunities via Volunteer Now and flex approach in terms of commitment hours / days</p> <p>VAAC infrastructure support</p> <p>Citizens Advice – making sure those grassroots/smaller organisations and larger networks e.g., Pathfinder and Primary Care Networks are fully connected to wider support offer from Citizens Advice so that they can focus on their primary offer and not be overwhelmed by clients' other needs.</p> <p>Joint external funding bids that focus on increasing capacity</p> <p>Use of new spaces extending activities</p>	<p>More promotion re Volunteer Now with focus on citizen's advice</p> <p>Project with libraries / cafes to widen their offer</p>
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RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Finance / money management	People struggling to meet essential needs due to increasing household costs.	Increasing inflation, interest rates / economic pressures	<p>Households unable to manage finances and accrue debts.</p> <p>May turn to 'buy it now pay it later' deals</p> <p>May use loan sharks</p>
EXISTING CONTROLS/ MITIGATING ACTIONS		FURTHER ACTIONS	

<p>UK Harvest/FED/Makerspace and WSCC Waste Team all have tips/methods/recipes for cooking on a budget or using leftovers or scraps. Could disseminate offers more widely or distil e.g., online videos/recipe books and/or enable them to extend their offer more widely.</p> <p>Banks – proactive offers of help and targeting support for young people</p> <p>Awareness of how to get the best deals for household expenditure</p> <p>Voucher codes promo of app etc</p> <p>Free exchange schemes</p> <p>AgeUK services available to older people locally, including information and advice who can ensure people are in receipt of the correct payments</p>	<p>Concern not enough partnership resources currently available to meet the likely level of need.</p> <p>Raise community awareness of help and support available e.g., Citizens Advice and other accredited organisations who can provide debt advice and support</p> <p>Signposting people to trusted sources of information for help and advice</p> <p>Public campaigns to warn against using loan sharks</p>
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RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Community Transport	Loss of volunteers due to mileage rates / fuel costs. Over @50p is taxable.	High fuel costs Less volunteers available	Residents unable to access low cost transport to attend essential appointments. Increased social isolation

EXISTING CONTROLS/ MITIGATING ACTIONS	FURTHER ACTIONS
<p>Arun Community Transport local network and offer</p> <p>Community Transport Sussex – strategy recently adopted by Council Housing & Wellbeing Committee with uplifted funding to support implementation of local action plan to support local infrastructure development</p> <p>National Petitions / campaigns</p>	<p>Work with Community Transport Sussex to develop sustainable local transport solutions</p>

RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Wellbeing	<p>Difficult choices re budgets: heat versus food and adverse physical impact. People prioritising pets.</p> <p>Increased slips / trips / falls risks.</p>	<p>Increasing inflation and interest rates / economic pressures</p>	<p>Worsening resident and community health outcomes. Increased gap in life expectancy in deprived areas.</p>
EXISTING CONTROLS/ MITIGATING ACTIONS		FURTHER ACTIONS	

<p>Food waste education and advice</p> <p>Food growing projects / allotments produce is now, but lots stored</p> <p>What are pet businesses and animal charities doing to support?</p>	<p>Campaign – against malnutrition in older people for example</p>
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RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Mental Health	Increase in poor mental health due to cost of living pressures and potential for increased risk of suicide.	Increasing inflation, interest rates / economic pressures	Increased demand for mental health support
EXISTING CONTROLS/ MITIGATING ACTIONS		FURTHER ACTIONS	
<p>Range of VCSE groups with support / advice / facilities</p> <p>Pathfinders provision in Bognor and Littlehampton</p> <p>AgeUK provide services locally to promote good mental health, and work in partnership with organisations that provide mental health support</p>		<p>More peer-to-peer support linked to existing provision</p> <p>Focus on children and young people</p> <p>Further promotion of services available to make older people aware of what is available to them</p>	

RISK AREA	RISKS IDENTIFIED	CAUSES	EFFECTS
Contextual Risk	<p>Covid resurgence / extreme weather (floods) – seasonal weather patterns</p> <p>Cost of Christmas</p>	Seasonal impacts	<p>May need to mobilise emergency responses to adverse weather conditions and increased health risks / demand e.g., covid.</p> <p>People may feel pressure to spend money celebrating Christmas, placing additional financial strain on limited household budgets</p>
EXISTING CONTROLS/ MITIGATING ACTIONS		FURTHER ACTIONS	
<p>Sussex Resilience Forum and WSCC Resilience Emergency Team: VAAC/VCSE link to local Resilience Forum</p> <p>Covid resurgence – Arun Vaccinations Partnership and Autumn vaccination programme.</p> <p>Cost of Christmas – offer financial capability sessions along these lines? May be a way to draw people in. “How to still have a great Christmas on a budget”</p> <p>Possible initiatives of celebrating on a budget – with a link to sustainability</p>		<p>Targeted vaccination initiatives</p> <p>Community awareness of emergency response</p>	

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