

Council Response to Scrutiny Recommendations

To: Cabinet Member for Corporate Overview and Performance

From: Corporate Overview and Performance Scrutiny Committee

Date of Scrutiny Meeting: 23rd September 2022

Report Topic: Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme

Scrutiny Committee consideration 1:

The Corporate Overview and Performance Scrutiny Committee were asked to consider the proposed Blaenau Gwent Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme

Scrutiny Committee Recommendation:

The Corporate Overview and Performance Scrutiny Committee recommended Option 2 to the Council for consideration:

Option 2

That the Scrutiny Committee consider the proposed Discretionary Cost of Living Scheme and suggest amendments to the Council prior to adoption of the scheme.

The Scrutiny Committee, therefore, suggested the following amendment to the Scheme, that the £30,000 be provided to Blaenau Gwent Foodbank as the main recipient and a discretionary fund of £70,000 be established to allow other local food distribution groups / organisations to apply for funding from the Council to assist in delivery work within their respective communities.

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Please indicate by ticking the relevant box, whether the recommendation will be accepted, rejected or accepted in part, and provide detail where required.

Recommendation Accepted	Recommendation Rejected (include reason for rejection and Cabinet decision – Cabinet Member to be invited to scrutiny committee)	Recommendation Accepted in Part (include detail and what the full decision is – Cabinet Member to be invited to scrutiny committee)
		