

## Senior Officer Decision

**Consultative meeting:** Council

**Consultative meeting date:** 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021



## Exempt from publication

No.

## Title: Universal Credit Motion

### Links to:

- (i) **Officer report to consultative meeting**  
[Council 20th October 2021](#)
- (ii) **Recording of consultative meeting**  
[Council 20th October 2021](#)
- (iii) **Minutes of consultative meeting**  
Not available at time of decision

### Recommendation:

1. Ensure we are doing all we can to work with our partners to more visibly promote take up of Schemes such as Kickstart, and are actively signposting local businesses to two new Devon programmes, 'SMART SKILLS' and 'Skills Support for the Workforce', in order to support those at risk of financial difficulties by offering solutions to local employers, and including those aged 16 - 24 on Universal Credit, to gain employment for a minimum of 6 months
2. Request an urgent report to a forthcoming Cabinet meeting setting out potential options for directing additional resources into the Anti-Poverty Strategy to support the District in helping the most vulnerable residents this winter, in the light of unexpected rising living costs
3. Write to the Chancellor and Prime Minister (copying in the District MPs) calling for the government to re-introduce this payment as a matter of urgency to the thousands of individuals, families and their children in East Devon that will be adversely affected by this cut in financial support to the most vulnerable

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### Authority:

Decision of Council on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to delegate decision making to officers until 23.59 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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### Consultations:

I was present at the recording of the consultative meeting which considered this item

Yes  No

Detail any other consultations carried out:

N/A

### Other considerations:

Do the legal and finance comments and equalities impact, climate change and risk assessments as detailed in the officer reports remain the same.

Yes  No

If no, provide the updated assessment below;

### Decision:

To agree the recommendation.

### Reasons for decision:

The consultative meeting of the Council considered and debated the motion and recommended it be approved. There is nothing I am aware of that suggests any alternative decision should be taken.



Signed ..... Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Senior Officer job title and name:

Mark Williams, Chief Executive

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