

Amendment from the Labour Group to the Additional Cost of Living Rebate Conservative Motion

Proposer: Anthony Okereke. Seconder: Cllr Denise Hyland.

Delete everything after "This Council:".

Delete the paragraphs 1.1 – 4.8 and replace with paragraphs 1.1 – 1.7:

- 1.1 Notes that the Tory cost of living crisis is causing immense harm to residents in the Royal Borough of Greenwich, creating hardship, pressure and stress for every household.
- 1.2 Notes that the cost of living crisis follows years of austerity imposed on our communities by the Conservative Government and low wage growth, which have been further exacerbated by Brexit, the Coronavirus pandemic and the global economic impact of the war in Ukraine. This has worsened the rises in fuel, food and energy prices, which are causing a downturn in living standards for residents across our borough.
- 1.3 Notes that schemes introduced by the National Conservative Government are temporary fixes for what is a complex problem which will not be resolved by an additional £50 for selected households in the Borough.
- 1.4 Is committed to long term solutions and support for our residents including
 - Working to ensure that every child in the borough has access to good food and healthy activities
 - Supporting elderly residents, vulnerable members of our community, and working age people on low incomes
 - Addressing public health issues such as childhood obesity, drug and alcohol abuse and poor mental health, all of which disproportionately affect our lowest income residents
 - Providing residents with free careers advice, employment support, job matching and help getting back in to work, using our employment support and jobs brokerage service GLLaB
 - Ensuring our existing council homes are decent and working on ambitious plans to deliver 1,000 sustainable, genuinely affordable homes for local people on our housing waiting list.
 - Supporting homeless residents to make sure they have a decent roof over their head
- 1.5 Further notes that local authorities understand their communities and are best placed to target support during the cost of living crisis.
- 1.6 Welcomes additional early, decisive action to establish a local taskforce which will work directly with residents to support all our communities, by
 - Reaching historically forgotten communities
 - Providing financial aid to the most vulnerable in our Borough
 - Understanding how we can better help all residents
 - Closing the gap of health inequalities
- 1.7 This Council believes that more should be done by National Government to support Greenwich citizens and calls on them to implement a long-term effective strategy to deal with the ongoing cost of living crisis which will continue to cause misery for our residents.

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