

Appendix 1 – Details of the support Runnymede Borough Council has provided to residents with the rising cost of living in 2022/23

Name of fund	Purpose	Operating period	Number of residents supported	Amount paid
<b>Food insecurity and poverty</b>				
Grant to the Runnymede food bank	To enable residents in extreme hardship to have access to a basic food package	2022/23	Not administered by Runnymede Borough Council.	Rent Grant Aid
Food vouchers	To provide emergency food provision – often to individuals sleeping rough	2022/23	702 sets of vouchers issued	Funded via the Homeless Support Fund
<b>Fuel and energy</b>				
Green Homes Grant – LAD 1	To enhance the energy performance of poorly performing properties (D rated or below) – where the occupant is on a low income - improving them to a C energy efficiency rating	Commenced 01/22-09/22	510 properties in total  151 RBC owned properties	£4.29m  £1.4m on RBC owned properties (RBC have contributed £400,000)
Green Homes Grant - LAD 2	This scheme aims to raise the energy efficiency of low income and low energy performance homes with a focus on energy performance certificate (EPC) ratings of E, F or G. Phase 2 allocated funding to Local Net Zero Hubs.	2022/23	7 installations for 6 households so far in 2022/23	Total value of works: £36,302
Decent Homes programme for RBC social housing residents	To ensure that all Council owned properties are maintained to a good standard	2022/23	400	£1.5m  £1.2m on boilers upgrade  £0.3 on doors & windows
Council Tax Support	Support to low-income households with the cost of Council Tax.	2023/23	3,033  1,432 pensioners 959 vulnerable people (357 on UC) 51 employed (27 on UC) 591 other (447 on UC)	£4.06m
<b>Health and wellbeing</b>				
Health and Wellbeing Strategy	To highlight the Council's strategic objectives in relation to health and wellbeing – and set out a plan for improving outcomes in these areas			
Financial Wellbeing	To seeking to maximise our tenant's income and			

Strategy for RBC's social housing residents	create additional financial resilience for our tenant population.			
<b>Money and debt</b>				
Core £150 Energy Payments	Support to residents with rising fuel payments	2022/23	We have now paid 17,642 households in Council Tax bands A to D	£2,646,300
Discretionary Energy Payments	Support to particularly vulnerable households with energy payments	2022/23	We have now paid 154 households in bands E to H who receive Council Tax Support	£23,100
Housing Support Fund	To provide support to vulnerable households in most need of financial help with significantly rising living costs.	04/22 – 09/22	200	£67,000
Housing Support Fund – older people	A proportion of the Household Support Fund was ring-fenced and targeted at residents of pensionable age in receipt of Council Tax Support	04/22 – 09/22	1,400	£131,000
Discretionary Housing Payments	Provides support for residents of all housing tenures.  Able to make discretionary payments to residents to resolve one off crises.  Ultimately prevents eviction/mortgage repossession and mitigates the financial and social impact that has on family life.	2022/23	112 so far in 2022/23	£64,000 paid out from a total budget of £148,000
Homelessness Support Fund	To provide support to residents to prevent them becoming homeless – primarily used for rent payments	2022/23	8 so far in 2022/23	£50,000
Discretionary fund for RBC's social housing residents	In place to prevent extreme hardship and to facilitate rent payments.  This ultimately prevents eviction and homeless costs to the authority	2022/23	21 so far in 2022/23	£50,000

<b>Working in partnership</b>				
Chertsey Advice Bureau grant	Support to the local Citizens Advice Bureau to fund workers to assist the local community with housing and debt issues.	2022/23	Not administered by Runnymede Borough Council.	£125,000
Runnymede Association of Voluntary Services	The purpose of RAVS is to improve the life of the people in Runnymede by promoting voluntary work, supporting voluntary and community organisations, being a voice for the voluntary sector, identifying gaps in provision working in partnership with other agencies	2022/23	Not administered by Runnymede Borough Council.	£31,000
<b>Skills and employment</b>				
A Youth Hub working with partner agencies to young people aged 16-24 into employment, apprenticeships, or training	The Youth Hub has just been successful in securing a second year's funding for 2022/23.  The Hub team works closely with the Citizen's Advice Bureau to provide young people with financial advice and to equip them with financial management skills.	2022/23	In August, the Hub helped four young people access financial support from Brooklands college's bursary.	grant funding from DWP
Working with the Egham Chamber of Commerce to increase footfall in the town centre	It is anticipated that increased footfall will impact on spend within the town			
Adding additional staffing resource to our three Town Teams	To develop a strong partnership between local stakeholders to create action plans to support the vitality and viability of our town centres.			
Help to assist the high street and small businesses by providing safety advice to encourage visitors back to the High Street	The support has included access to digital media training, support for events and urban realm improvements, as well as procuring specialist consultants to advise on supporting our visitor economy and town centres	2021/22		£152,000 Reopening of High streets Safely' (RHSS) fund and the 'Welcome Back Fund' (WBF)
Publishing a regular Business Runnymede newsletter which provides information on	The September edition promoted grants to small businesses which can be used to reduce energy costs. The grants are between £1000 and £20,000. Three			

funding and business support opportunities as well as networking events and other issues of interest to business.	businesses are applying for these grants which are being used to replace regular light bulbs with smart low energy bulbs.			
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