



Cost of Living Crisis Action Plan 2022



Theme	Action	Lead	Partners	Timescale	Resources	Status
Strengthened internal communication	Develop a senior level Cost of Living working group, comprising key partners committed to meeting regularly. Seek to improve collaborative working through sharing insight and understanding current and emerging issues.	SRBC	SRBC / PHG / CAB / DWP / Key / NHS	October 2022	Staff time	Initial meeting held
	Updates in this action plan to be circulated to all working group partners after each meeting. All partners to update with any relevant information from their organisation.	SRBC		October 2022 - ongoing	Staff time	Underway
	Insight from the Cost of Living Conference to be fed back to senior local leaders at the upcoming Chorley and South Ribble Partnership Summit. This will help to inform the agenda and decision making within the partnership.	SRBC		TBC		
	Cost of living to be made a standing item on the monthly South Ribble Together Network agenda. Clear line of communication to be established between operational partners on SRTN and COL working group around key current and emerging issues.	SRBC	All SRTN attendees	November 2022 - ongoing	Staff time	Added to agenda for next meeting
Joined up external communication	Colleagues within partner organization communications teams to work together to develop shared communications campaigns. All contributing partners to nominate a comms contact.	SRBC	SRBC / PHG / CAB / DWP / Key / NHS	October 2022	Staff time	PHG & Key ✓ DWP ✓
	Develop a South Ribble Together pages on the Council's website with an online cost of living directory. To be regularly updated with support available for residents, with contact details for partner agencies, and explore Refernet as a method of making referrals (including self-referrals).	SRBC		October / November 2022		Underway
	Increase the level outreach support within the community, including work with CAB and the existing 'Help through Crisis' service to have regular attendance at community events and provision (i.e. foodbanks, community cafes,	SRBC / CAB		October / November 2022		

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Joined up external communication (cont.)	community conversations)					
	Develop a calendar of community events / interactions which working group partners can attend and participate in	SRBC / PHG	All working group partners	October / November 2022	Staff time	Preparing
	Hold Community Conversations within each of the Community Hub areas, with a focus on cost of living. Offer residents the opportunity to meet councillors and staff in local settings.	SRBC	All working group partners	October / December 2022	Staff time / venue hire	Preparing
	Share Community Hub Area Profiles to improve partner insight into issues affecting our communities	SRBC	All working group partners	October 2022	Staff time	Complete
Practical and financial support	Hold a cost of living drop in 'marketplace' event at the civic centre for residents, to access practical support either on the day or through booking appointments.	SRBC	All working group partners	October / November 2022	Staff time / venue hire	Preparing
	Deliver Household Support Grant Round 3 – details TBC	SRBC	CAB	November 2022 – March 2023	Staff time Grant budget	Preparing
	Deliver Warm Homes grant scheme for energy efficiency measures	SRBC	LCC	November 2022	Staff time Grant budget	Preparing
	Support tenants in rented properties where landlords fail to ensure decent home standards are met	SRBC		Ongoing	Staff time	Underway
	Deliver energy saving measures across PHG portfolio to reduce running costs for tenants, e.g. lightbulbs	PHG		Ongoing	Staff time	Underway
	Actively encourage take up of funded nursery places for 3 and 4 year old children.	LCC	SRBC	October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time	Underway
	Actively promote DWP childcare funding for Universal Credit recipients in employment or education – up to 85% covered	DWP	All working group partners	October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time	Underway

	Work together to develop solutions to lack of temporary accommodation for homeless households	SRBC PHG		October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time	Underway
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Practical and financial support (cont.)	Proactively contact and offer support to those residents who are in Council Tax arrears ahead of formal recovery processes	SRBC		October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time	Underway
	Utilise South Ribble Integrated Team (SRIT) and CAB's Help Through Crisis referrals for vulnerable residents	SRBC	CAB	Ongoing	Staff time	Underway
	Develop the existing South Ribble Foodbank Network to support foodbanks, pantries and community shops to offer the best support possible.	SRBC	Foodbank Network partners	October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time	Underway
	Continue to deliver the Holiday and Food (HAF) programme during Christmas, Easter and Summer school holidays	SRBC	SR Leisure & community providers	December 2022 (ongoing)	HAF funding	Underway
	Develop a local HAF Plus model for half term holidays, including a free pop-up food shop	SRBC	SR Leisure	Oct 2022 / Feb 2023	@£30,000	Underway
	Build on the successful summer initiative of the School Uniform Bank and embed this into the HAF programme to ensure that uniform is available in all school holidays.	SRBC	Tippytoes Schools	October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time	Underway
	Promote take up of Healthy Start shopping vouchers for pregnant women / those with young children	NHS	All working group partners	October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time	Underway
	Promote and facilitate the Tippytoes WinterWarmer campaign for coats, hats, scarves and gloves	SRBC / Tippytoes		Oct 2022	Staff time	Complete
Health and wellbeing	Incorporate cost of living as a key focus for the Social Prescribing team once they start within the council, ensuring that they are aware of all support services available and therefore best equipped to make appropriate referrals.	SRBC	NHS	December 2022 (ongoing)		

	Promote existing non-clinical mental health support initiatives, with the anticipation of a significant increase in demand for mental health services.	SRBC		November / December 2022		
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Health and wellbeing (cont.)	Review of community assets to enable usage which is in line with local needs	SRBC	All working group partners	November / December 2022	Staff time	
	Presence of partner representatives at Re-socialisation cafes around the borough, signposting people to SRT website and support services.	SRBC	All working group partners	October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time	Preparing
	Progress creation of South Ribble Family Wellbeing Centre (home to Tippytoes Babybank and Finley's Families.) Offering practical and emotional support to parents and families	SRBC	Tippytoes Babybank	October 2022 (ongoing)		Preparing
	Promote free and low-cost leisure opportunities across the borough	SRBC	SR Leisure	October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time	Underway
	Lead a borough wide #warmwelcome campaign, creating a stigma-free network of community venues, activities and events. Offer a warm, friendly setting which is open to all and free of charge.	SRBC	All working group partners	October 2022 (ongoing)	Staff time / venue hire	Mapping work underway