

## **Requisitioned Item**

Cabinet Member: All

Division and Local Member: All

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### **1. Pilot Studies for Universal Basic Income**

- 1.1** The following requisitioned item will be proposed by Cllr John Clarke and seconded by Cllr Tessa Munt:

In recognising the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Somerset's residents' incomes, and the urgent need to reduce inequality, disadvantage and poverty, this Council calls on the Leader:

1. To write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Somerset's MPs and the Secretary of State for Work & Pensions requesting the UK Government undertakes pilot studies for the Universal Basic Income, and that Somerset be included in any pilot.
2. That such pilot studies gather evidence of the effectiveness of a Universal Basic Income on reducing inequality, disadvantage and poverty.
3. That the Leader sends a copy of any responses from The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Somerset's MPs and the Secretary of State for Work & Pensions to all Somerset County Council Members as and when replies are received.