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Dear Member,

County Council - Friday, 15 July 2022

Please find enclosed revised wording and a proposed amendment to the motion set out below which will be debated at the meeting of the County Council to be held on Friday, 15 July 2022.

Agenda No	Item
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13(b)	Motion on Support for Carers (Pages 3 - 6)
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Revised motion text to be moved by Cllr O'Kelly plus an amendment by Cllr Cooper attached.

Yours sincerely

Tony Kershaw
Director of Law and Assurance

To all members of the County Council

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County Council – 15 July 2022

Item 13(b) – Notice of Motion on Carers from Cllr O’Kelly – revised wording

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West Sussex has 33,000 registered carers. They provide essential support in keeping residents in their homes with or close to their family and friends, and help to minimise the provision of costly in-home care visits and residential care. Many of our carers live with the person they care for but, for those who are not living with the person they care for, the impact of increased fuel bills is making the daily financial burden of being a carer even harder to manage.

In order to help these carers to continue to care, this Council calls on the Cabinet Member for Adults Services to set up an emergency **travel and transport** ~~fuel~~ fund for registered carers, with the precise details of the funding and eligibility criteria left to the Cabinet Member.

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County Council 15 July 2022

Item 13(b) - Notice of Motion on Carers from Cllr O'Kelly

Amendment from Cllr Cooper

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In order to help these carers to continue to care, this Council calls on the Cabinet Member for Adults Services to ***maintain for as long as needed the comprehensive support, advice and grant funding this Council has*** set up ~~an emergency travel and transport fund for registered carers~~ ***(summarised below) and which allows for access to funds for essentials that can include fuel costs*** with the precise details of the funding and eligibility criteria left to the Cabinet Member. ***The range of current carer support includes:***

- ***Advice and information***
- ***Counselling***
- ***Respite care support***
- ***Health and wellbeing payments***
- ***Training and support on return to work***
- ***Carer assessments and direct payments***
- ***Hardship fund grants to cover essentials and work-related expenses***
- ***Welfare benefits advice to access a range of benefits and allowances***

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