

County Council – 15 July 2022

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

The current cost of living crisis is leading to increased energy bills, food prices and fuel costs for West Sussex residents. Although fuel duty was cut by 5 pence per litre in the Spring Statement, prices continue to rise and are at record highs.

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.