



## **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **RESILIENCE WORKING GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Under Standing Order 4 the Council may set up advisory committees that consist of Councillors and members of the public.**

**1. Name**

The name of the advisory committee shall be the Resilience Working Group, and the Group shall adhere to the Working Group protocol adopted by Council.

**2. Purpose**

The Working Group has been established in response to the 'cost of living' crisis with particular focus on the huge concerns around energy bills in the upcoming Autumn/Winter of 2022/2023.

The role of the Working Group is as follows:

- a) To keep updated with the situation in terms of the cost of living/inflation and particularly energy prices for the public.
- b) To establish what our community may need over the coming months and identify how best the council could help meet this need.
- c) To investigate the notion of establishing a community building/facility which is open as a warm drop-in centre and how this could be delivered. This could mean possible resident research to establish any need and gleaning a 'gut-feeling' bearing in mind the social stigma perhaps in residents coming forward. These investigations are likely to include liaising with the Church, Village Hall and The Reef on availability of bookable space and appetite to help.
- d) To take advice from Dorset Council and aim to promote the resources and signposting produced by Dorset Council's response to the costs of living crisis. This promotion should be via usual channels before any Warm Hub is established, but also during the opening hours once up and running.
- e) To liaise as appropriate with relevant groups who may be able to help our residents, such as Citizens Advice, and establish whether we can support and publicise their activities.
- f) To utilise the community spirit and volunteers as best as possible if there is any requirement identified to provide support within the parish.
- g) To ensure relevant information is made as available as possible to residents, via our website, social media channels, noticeboards, lampposts etc.

The Group shall recommend actions to Council who will vote on any proposed actions at the next appropriate meeting. The Group has no budgetary or spending powers.

**3. Membership**

The Resilience Working Group can be mixture of Councillors and members of the public. The Group may co-opt additional members (including members of the public) at its discretion. It must consist of at least two Councillors.

**4. Officers**

At the first meeting the Group may elect a chair.

**5. Meetings**

The Group will meet as and when required.