

**COUNCIL**

**26 NOVEMBER 2020**

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION 1**

Proposed by: Councillor Lynda Thorne

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Elsmore

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*The Council, however, does note:*

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- 4) That an increase in social isolation amongst individual residents potentially leads to illness, especially mental health issues.
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- 6) That if groups are using virtual meeting technology, there may be a cost to the group.

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- 2) To ~~introduce a package of measures~~ utilise the Council's community support officers to continue to assist local groups across Cardiff. ~~which could include the following measures~~
- 3) Investigate the provision of small grants fund to support local community led voluntary groups to fund administration and training.
  - ~~ring-fenced to allow local groups to afford subscriptions to use virtual meeting facilities.~~

- ~~Training for those who are not experienced in how to use virtual meetings to use it to maximum benefit.~~
  - ~~To consider hat other small scale targeted and effective support can be offered to local groups across Cardiff.~~
- 3) ~~To provide advice and support to groups returning to meeting in person when it is safe to do so.~~
  - 4) ~~To~~ Ensure the Council ~~will~~ *continues* to offer on line sessions to groups on key messaging to help residents *on issues* such as council tax reductions, community alarm services, how to learn online and how to access services to support people living with dementia.

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