

## **COUNCIL MOTION**

**19 November 2020**

**PROPOSED BY: Councillor Dawson**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Pugh**

### **GOVERNMENT FUNDING – COVID-19**

This Council:

1. Pays tribute to its own employees, contractors and managers; those working in the local NHS and care sectors; and employees working in food shops and other essential enterprises and services; for the sterling efforts which they have made to help local residents survive and endure the threats posed by COVID-19 over many months.
2. Commends the efforts which have been made by the people living and working in the communities served by the Borough of Sefton to keep themselves and others safe from infection by the COVID-19 virus since March 2020 in the face of substantially varying advice, instructions and example.
3. Notes that a considerable number of people nationally and locally have still not received any direct financial assistance from the government to help them through times of economic shut-down.
4. Congratulates Marcus Rashford of Manchester United FC and his team of helpers in their achieving commitment from central government to funding and assistance for schoolchildren and poorer families to which actions the UK government had previously been opposed.
5. Commits itself to maintain the supportive actions which Sefton Borough Council itself has initiated and continued during 2020 to give support and assistance to those who most need it.
6. Calls upon the government to ensure that Local Authorities and the local NHS and care sector are properly funded to enable them to carry out the work which has been done, and which continues to be need to be done, to support the people living and working in our communities in the face of the virus and the effect of some of the measures which have been brought in to combat the virus.