

**COUNCIL MEETING – 2 SEPTEMBER 2020
NOTICE OF MOTION**

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NOS. 53-60

MOTION NO.	PROPOSER	SECONDER	MOTION
143	Councillor M Storey	Councillor Higgins	<p>COVID-19 Motion</p> <p>“Middlesbrough Council recognises and praises the exceptional work of all council employees, social care workers, NHS staff and all key workers in retail and other sectors for working throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and continue to do so. These workers risked their lives by going to work every day and keeping vital public services and retail during the Covid-19 outbreak. This Council also recognises the hundreds of people across Middlesbrough who volunteered their time to check on friends and neighbours, pack food parcels and deliver them.</p> <p>This Council therefore resolves:</p> <p>To place on record its’ thanks to all those keyworkers and volunteers who have worked throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. To place on record its’ thanks to all Middlesbrough Council employees who have continued to work throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and provide a service to people of Middlesbrough.”</p>
144	Councillor Branson	Councillor Rooney	<p>COVID-19 – Council finances</p> <p>“Middlesbrough Council recognises the strain the pandemic has placed on Council finances. Whilst we recognise that the government has reimbursed some of the direct costs of Covid-19, we do not believe it goes far enough. Middlesbrough Council has been unable to make the required savings in its 2020/21 budget and has seen a sharp decline in its income due to the closure of facilities and the suspension of parking fees to name but a few. The government told councils at the start of this crisis that that “The</p>

			<p>government will do whatever is necessary to support these efforts.” However, since then it has been confirmed that the government will not reimburse unachieved savings and will reimburse up to 75% of income lost. This will put a further pressure on future budgets This Council believes this is wrong and the Government should fulfil its pledge to do “whatever is necessary”.</p> <p>This Council therefore resolves:</p> <p>To robustly call upon the government to properly reimburse councils for the loss of income due to Covid-19 and cost of unachieved savings for 2020/21.</p> <p>To continue to pressure local MP’s to make the case in parliament and to the government.</p> <p>To write to local Members of Parliament with a copy of this motion if passed.”</p>
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