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Dear Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak MP

Following a recent resolution by a Meeting of our Full Council, in our capacities as Chief Executive and Leader, we write on behalf of all Elected Members of West Lindsey District Council stating our upmost support for both;

• the open letter, written at the end of September 2020, from over 50 leading welfare charities, calling for the permanent £20 uplift to Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit; and

• Marcus Rashford MBE's call for the Government to provide food vouchers during all holidays for those families with young people entitled to free school meals.

The ending of the Universal Credit uplift in April 2021 will see families, representing around 16 million individuals, overnight lose £1040 per year. Inevitably, this will hit those on the lowest incomes and families with children.

The impact of the cut will be multiplied in the future as job losses, brought about by the pandemic, occur over the next few months.

No region is immune from these devastating problems and urgent action is required.

Yours faithfully

Ian Knowles Chief Executive