

## **ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL**

### **RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS – CLLR. DEBBIE ANDRE, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDRENS' SERVICES, EDUCATION AND LIFELONG SKILLS**

**Title of Matter:** Household Support Fund and delegated authority to Director of Children's Services.

**Decision maker:** Cllr Debbie Andre, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills

**Power(s) giving authority to make an executive decision:** Section 9E (2) (b) (ii) of the Local Government Act 2000 and under all other enabling powers.

#### **Decisions:**

1. That approval of funding of up to £635,000 to be granted to provide multi-value food vouchers to households in receipt of Local Council Tax Support who are either also eligible for Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit, benefits-related Free School Meals or who have no children or pensioners living at the property.
2. That a grant of £60,000 be made available to Citizens Advice for them to use to financially support households with fuel bills over the 6-month period and provide a telephone signposting service to the connect4communities programme. Such grant will be provided on terms to be agreed by the Director of Children's Services and in accordance with the grant criteria set out in paragraph 5 of the report of the Director of Children's Services dated 23 May 2022.
3. That the approval of £95,000 be used to expand and support the network of community pantries across the Isle of Wight, offering a more sustainable approach to helping households.
4. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Children's Services to approve community grant awards to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria of the grant (as set out in paragraph 5 of the accompanying report) for targeted financial support for those in need until 30 September 2022 in consultation with the [Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills](#) up to the value of £40,000.
5. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to agree the fund of £30,000 to be used to assist exceptional and genuine emergency cases with housing costs in accordance with DWP grant conditions.

6. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Children's Services to approve the reallocation of any Household Support Fund scheme remaining or underspent funds to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria of the grant in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member. This will ensure that where spend does not meet the approvals set out in this report, the Isle of Wight Council can rapidly adapt the approach to ensure needs are met.

**Date of decisions:** 1 June 2022

**Reason for decisions:** To ensure that the funding for household support provided by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) is spent by way of grants for the purpose for which funding has been given in a timely manner.

**Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the member when making the decisions:** None

**Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet member consulted by the Leader of the Cabinet which relates to the decisions:** None

**Dispensations granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflicts of interest:** None

**Background documents referred to:** Report of the Director of Children's Services dated 23 May 2022.

Signed:

Cllr Debbie Andre, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills

CLLR DEBBIE ANDRE

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Date of written record: 1 June 2022