

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS - CLLR. DEBBIE ANDRE, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, EDUCATION AND LIFELONG SKILLS

Title of Matter: Household Support Fund

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 of the Local Government Act 2000 and under all other enabling powers.

Decision:

1. That funding of up to £237,630 to be granted to schools, colleges, and early years settings to provide Free School Meal Vouchers of £15 per child, per week for children meeting the eligibility criteria set out in paragraph 12 of the accompanying report, covering the Christmas 2021 and February 2022 half-terms.
2. That the purchase of a £50 food or fuel voucher for each care leaver be approved, to the value of £7,500 such that vouchers and/or gifts and/or food can be provided to care leavers not in receipt of vouchers through the free school meal voucher offer.
3. That a grant of £30,000 be made available to Citizens Advice for them to use to financially support households with fuel bills over the winter 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 accompanying report and that the Director of Children's Services be granted delegated authority to agree such terms.
4. That the Director of Children's Services be granted delegated authority to approve grant awards to Holiday Activity and Food scheme providers to deliver extended schemes during the Christmas 2021 holiday and to operate holiday activity and food programmes over the February 2022 half term. Such individual grant awards will be made in compliance with the criteria for the grant and in consultation with the [Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills](#) up to the value of £30,000.
5. That the Director of Children's Services be granted delegated authority 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 over winter, in consultation with the [Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills](#), up to the value of £200,000.

6. That a total of £125,000 be approved to be used to establish and support a network of community pantries across the Isle of Wight, offering a more sustainable approach to helping households.
7. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, be granted delegated authority to agree the eligibility criteria for direct financial awards to vulnerable households to a total value of £250,000.
8. That the Director of Children's Services be delegated authority to approve the reallocation of any Household Support Fund scheme funds 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 decision: 29 November 2021

Reason for decision: To facilitate the efficient and effective conduct of business

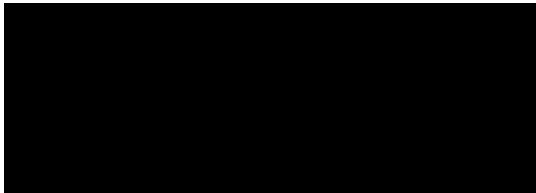
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the member when making the decisions: None

Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet member consulted by the Leader of the Cabinet which relates to the decision: 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 (attached)

Signed:



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

Date of written record: 29 November 2021