

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2022

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE **CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **3.30 PM**, ON **THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 2022** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

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Note:- The press and public are not entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.

TUESDAY, 5 July 2022

PRESENT: Councillor: L.D. Evans (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

J. Hancock, Flagship Social Enterprise Development Officer

L. Roberts, New Homes Officer (Remote attendance)

E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer

Deputy Leader's Office, County Hall - County Hall, Carmarthen - 2.00 - 2.55 pm

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 17 MARCH 2022.

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 17th March, 2022 be signed as a correct record.

3. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND TACKLING FOOD POVERTY WLGA GRANT.

The Cabinet Member for Homes and Deputy Leader considered a report detailing the establishment of an initiative to enable the authority to support an increased number of people facing food poverty.

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty, Carmarthenshire County Council was allocated £27,865 in January 2022, of which £19,838 was allocated to foodbanks as approved by the Cabinet Member on the 26th January 2022.

An additional budget of £55,729 was received in April 2022 by the WLGA to help tackle food poverty that was to be utilised during the financial year 2022/23. The project would be administered by the Authority's central Bureau team. The Purpose of the additional funding was to continue to support an increased number of people facing food poverty through the provision of funding to a range of community food initiatives which are experiencing difficulties in meeting the needs of their customers.

It was proposed that the funding together with the underspend from the initial award (£8,027), continued to be distributed to local food banks that were helping to tackle food poverty within the county. This would provide support with the purchase of additional supplies of good quality food and essential goods through the Council's existing contract with Castell Howell Foods.

The Cabinet Member for Homes and Deputy Leader stated that it would be beneficial if the criteria for utilising the services of food banks could be standardised.

RESOLVED that the delivery of the Food Poverty Initiative be approved.

4. CREATING A LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY FOR CLOS TAWELAN, WALES & WEST HOUSING ASSOCIATION'S NEW DEVELOPMENT IN JOHNSTOWN, CARMARTHEN.

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader considered a report on proposals to adopt a Local Lettings Policy for Clos Tawelan, Wales & West Housing Association's new development in Johnstown, Carmarthen.

The policy aimed to ensure the provision of accommodation solutions for local people in most need, meet the objective to move people on quickly from temporary accommodation and back to their community, and provide opportunities for key workers, helping to create a sustainable community.

The report identified the ward of Johnstown as an area of high housing need, and therefore the development aimed to address this by way of delivering 18 social rented homes:-

- 6 x one-bedroom apartments;
- 6 x two-bedroom houses;
- 5 x three-bedroom houses;
- 1 x three-bedroom, bungalow.

The development had been delayed and would be handed over in one phase in September and not in July as stated in the report.

It was noted that the LLP would remain in place for 6 months following the initial lets, to ensure the community was appropriately established.

RESOLVED that the Local Lettings Policy for the new homes on Clos Tawelan, Wales & West Housing Association's new build development be approved.

5. CREATING A LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY FOR DYLAN (PHASE 3), BYNEA.

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader considered a report on proposals to adopt a Local Lettings Policy (LLP) for the Council new build development in Dylan (Phase 3), Bynea. The policy aimed to ensure the creation of a sustainable community and diverse place to live.

The report identified the ward of Bynea as an area of high housing need and that by developing a mix of two and four-bedroom homes and two-bedroom bungalows this need would be addressed by providing:-

- Two-bedroom homes for small families, this includes families currently under occupying larger homes in the area;
- Four-bedroom homes for large families, this includes families currently living in unsuitable or overcrowded accommodation in the area;
- Two-bedroom bungalows for older people in the community whose current homes are unsuitable for their needs.

It was reported that the development consisted of 32 homes in total. The handover would be managed in three phases and that this LLP specifically related to Phase 3 – 12 x 2-bedroom houses, 4 x 4 bedroom houses and 4 x 2 bedroom bungalows which would be handed over in August 2022 (pending confirmation).

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader requested that the homes be allocated now so that tenants could be given the keys as soon as the properties were handed over.

RESOLVED that the Local Lettings Policy for the Council new build development in Dylan (Phase 3), Bynea be approved.

6. CREATING A LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY FOR PARC Y DRESSIG, BRO MYRDDIN HOUSING ASSOCIATION'S NEW DEVELOPMENT IN WHITLAND.

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader considered a report on proposals to adopt a Local Lettings Policy (LLP) for Parc Y Dressig, Bro Myrddin Housing Association's new development in Whitland.

The policy aimed to ensure the provision of accommodation solutions for local people in most need, meet the objective to move people on quickly from temporary accommodation and back to their community, and provide opportunities for key workers, helping to create a sustainable community.

The report identified the ward of Whitland as an area of high housing need, and therefore the development aimed to address this by way of delivering 15 social rented homes:-

- 9 x two-bedroom houses
- 4 x three-bedroom houses;
- 2 x four-bedroom houses.

The development would be handed over in one phase in September 2022.

It was noted that the LLP would remain in place for 6 months following the initial lets, to ensure the community was appropriately established.

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader emphasised the need for robust application of the agreed allocations policy.

RESOLVED that the Local Lettings Policy for the new homes on Parc Y Dressig, Bro Myrddin Housing Association's new build development be approved.

CABINET MEMBER

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CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER 27th October 2022

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Linda Davies Evans	Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Purpose:

Cabinet Member considers and approves the establishment of an initiative to enable the authority to support an increased number of people facing food poverty.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

- Retrospectively approve the delivery of the Household Fund administered by CCC Bureau team within Economic Development.
- Approve delegation to the Head of Regeneration to award funding
- Approve delegation to the Head of Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader to vire any underspends into the County's wider Poverty fund if the need arises

Reasons:

To support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable local organisations to meet local needs.

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any): N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

_____ CABINET MEMBER



The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOMES
& DEPUTY LEADER
27th October 2022**

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The Authority has received funding via the Welsh Government Household Support to support people facing food poverty.

The Authority was initially allocated £27,865 in January 2022 of which we allocated £19,838 to foodbanks as approved by Cabinet Member on the 26/01/2022.

Subsequently we received an additional budget of £55,729 in April 2022 to be utilised during the financial year 22/23 of which £22,600 has been allocated to local foodbanks. Balance of funds available £41,156.

In addition, Cabinet approved on the 3rd October an additional budget of £50,000 via Welsh Government's Discretionary Cost of living Scheme to enhance the household support fund.

In total, there is an available budget of £91,156. It is proposed that this funding continues to be distributed to local food banks that are helping to tackle food poverty within the county. The fund will be administered by the Bureau within Economic Development and will provide support with the purchase of additional supplies of good quality food and essential goods via Castell Howell Foods. The funding will also be made available to any new foodbanks that are seeking to be established in the County.

In order to identify demand, foodbanks will be invited to submit an expression of interest setting out support required up until the end of the financial year 22/23. Once bids have been submitted, they will be assessed and submitted to a funding grants panel. Assessment will be based on need.

Applications recommended for approval by the funding panel will be considered and authorised by the Head of Regeneration. If the full budget is not taken up under the initial application process, then further calls would be opened with the agreement of the Head of Regeneration.

This fund will run parallel with an additional fund entitled the Poverty Fund which will provide support for initiatives that aim to support those facing poverty.

If the fund is not fully taken up, it is requested that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader, to vire any unspent funding to the County's Poverty fund to ensure full spend of the allocated funding.

2. OTHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND THEIR PROS AND CONS

There are no other options. The funding has been allocated to Carmarthenshire to support an increased number of people facing food poverty.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: **Jason Jones** **Head of Regeneration**

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy

The grant will support the County's existing strategies and plans to support those facing poverty including the Corporate Strategy and Carmarthenshire Wellbeing Assessment.

The fund will also align with the 7 goals of the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act for Wales.

3. Finance

The grant is fully funded via WLGA and Welsh Government grant funding.

A remaining budget of £91,156 is available to support applications from foodbanks. This funding is being made available via the Welsh Government Discretionary Fund and the Welsh Government Household Support Fund– Tackling Food Poverty.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **Jason Jones** **Head of Regeneration**

- 1. Scrutiny Committee N/A**
- 2. Local Member(s) N/A**
- 3. Community / Town Council N/A**
- 4. Relevant Partners N/A**
- 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A**

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
THERE ARE NONE

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER 27th October 2022

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:	
Cllr. Linda Davies Evans	Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader	
POVERTY FUND		
Purpose: Cabinet Member considers and approves steps to support those facing poverty within the County via the establishment of a third-party grant.		
Recommendations / key decisions required:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cabinet Member retrospectively approves the establishment of a Third-Party Grant to support those facing poverty. The fund will be administered by CCC Bureau team within Economic Development. - Cabinet Member approves delegation to the Head of Regeneration to award funding of up to a maximum £10k per applicant 		
Reasons: To support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable local organisations to meet local needs.		
Directorate Name of Head of Service:	Designation	Tel No.
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Report Author: Rhian Phillips	E-mail Address: Economic Development Area Manager mrphillips@carmarthenshire.gov.uk	

Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed: _____ **DATE:** _____

CABINET MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
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CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOMES & DEPUTY
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POVERTY FUND

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty and Addressing Food Insecurity EU Transition Fund, Carmarthenshire County Council was allocated a budget of £102,200 for financial year 21/22 (£45,591 of capital and £56,609 of revenue funding) by the WLGA to help tackle food poverty within the county.

Several projects were supported during 21/22, with a reserve balance of £48,236 (£21,295 capital and £26,941 revenue) that WG have confirmed can be utilised during financial year 22/23. We received an additional £27,120 from Welsh Government via its Direct Food Support Fund on the 6th October 2022.

In addition to this, £50,000 has been made available via Welsh Government's Discretionary Fund. It was agreed by Cabinet on the 3rd October 22 that this funding be utilised to enhance the Poverty fund. Subsequently a further £55,125 has been allocated via Welsh Government's Warm hubs initiative, bringing the total budget available to £180,481.

It is proposed that this funding is distributed through a Third-party grant, administered by the Bureau. The Third-party grant will be open to any constituted organisation which is seeking to support those that are facing poverty in Carmarthenshire. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 will be made available.

The funding is available for initiatives that provide practical support to those on low incomes, and those living in poverty. Priority will be given to projects where there is no provision available locally.

The following are examples of eligible activities (this is not an exhaustive list):

Warm hubs/spaces – support for communities to establish warm hubs where individuals are provided with a welcoming, accessible, safe and warm environment to help reduce the cost of heating their own homes and to help people facing extreme fuel poverty this winter.

Development of community cafes – providing local residents of all ages an opportunity to meet and socialise, reducing social isolation.

Growing projects – Developing and strengthening food partnerships, providing skills for individuals to grow nutritious produce on a budget, eat healthily, save money and improve Well-being.

Social supermarkets/ community shops - reducing food waste by selling residual stock.

Fuel clubs – Creation of fuel syndicates to empower communities to buy oil in bulk and share the savings

Mobile cooking schools – Providing training and advice, improving peoples cooking skills in preparing nutritious meals on a budget.

The fund will be administered by the CCC central Bureau team via a Third-party grant process and will be open to ‘not for profit organisations’ that have an appropriate constitution.

All applications will be assessed by the Bureau funding panel. We request that delegated authority is given to the Head of Regeneration to approve all applications up to the maximum £10k.

Regular updates will be providing to cabinet member on progress

Activities supported via the fund will be promoted via the Authority’s website as well as via our third sector networks and Town and Community Councils.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Jason Jones Head of Regeneration

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy

The grant will support the County’s existing strategies and plans to support those facing poverty including the Corporate Strategy and Carmarthenshire Wellbeing Assessment.

The fund will also align with the 7 goals of the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act for Wales.

2. Finance

The support is fully funded, provided by WLGA and Welsh Government.

Balance available for 22/23 financial year £48,236 (Cap £21,295 and Revenue £26,941) plus an additional £50,000 from WG Discretionary grant as well as £27,120 from Welsh Government’s Direct Food Support scheme, £55,125 from Welsh Government’s Warm Hubs initiative, bringing the total budget to £180,481.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A
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