

THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2022

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND DEPUTY LEADER

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE **CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **2.00 PM, ON THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2022** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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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.

THURSDAY, 27 October 2022

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

The following officers were in attendance:

R. Phillips, Economic Development Area Manager

J. Pritchard, Community Regeneration Officer

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 5TH JULY 2022

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 5th July, 2022 be signed as a correct record.

3. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

The Cabinet Member for Homes and Deputy Leader considered a report detailing the establishment of a Household Support Fund, fully funded via WLGA and Welsh Government grant funding, to enable the authority to support an increased number of people facing food poverty. The fund would support the County's existing strategies and plans to support those facing poverty including the Corporate Strategy and Carmarthenshire Wellbeing Assessment. The fund would also align with the 7 goals of the Wellbeing and Future Generations Act for Wales.

RESOLVED

3.1 to retrospectively approve the delivery of the Household Support Fund administered by the Council's Bureau team within the Economic Development division;

3.2 to approve delegation to the Head of Regeneration to award funding;

3.3 to 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.

4. POVERTY FUND

The Cabinet Member for Homes and Deputy Leader considered a report detailing the establishment of a Third-Party Grant to support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable local organisations to meet local needs. The grant would be open to any constituted organisation which sought support for those that were facing poverty in Carmarthenshire. The grant, which was fully funded via the WLGA and Welsh Government, would support the County's existing strategies and plans to support those facing poverty including the Corporate Strategy and Carmarthenshire Wellbeing Assessment.

RESOLVED

4.1 to retrospectively approve the establishment of a Third-Party Grant, administered by the Council's Bureau team within the Economic Development division, to support those facing poverty;

4.2 to approve delegation to the Head of Regeneration to award funding of up to a maximum £10k per applicant.

CABINET MEMBER

DATE

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER

DATE: 1st December 2022

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:	
Cllr. Linda Davies Evans	Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader	
Subject: Poverty Fund Update		
Purpose: Cabinet Member considers and agrees to increase the approved budget for the Poverty Fund.		
Recommendations / key decisions required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cabinet Member approves an increase in the overall budget for the Poverty Fund which will be administered by CCC Bureau team within Economic Development. 		
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: Jason Jones	Designation Head of Regeneration	Tel No. 01267 224124 Email: addresses:Jajones@carmarthesnhire.gov.uk
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
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**

DATE: 1st December 2022

POVERTY FUND UPDATE

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

As approved by Cabinet Member on the 27th October 2022, the Authority is administering a Third-party grant entitled the Poverty Fund which is 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.

Cabinet Member approved a total budget of £180,481 to support projects which is being made available via various Welsh Government funding sources.

The fund will be administered by the CCC central Bureau team via a Third-party grant process.

Since the report was considered and approved by Cabinet member, we have subsequently received an additional £50,000 from the Welsh Government's Discretionary Fund and an additional £57,174 via Welsh Government's Direct Food Support scheme. With this additional funding, we propose to increase the overall budget available for the Poverty Fund from £180,481 to £287,655.

As per the original approval, all applications will be assessed by the Bureau funding panel and 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

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

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.

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, £50,000 Discretionary fund (Rural) and £57,174 top up from Welsh Government's Direct Food Support Scheme bringing the total budget to £287,655.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

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

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DATE: 1st December 2022

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:	
Cllr. Linda Davies Evans	Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader	
Subject: Household Support Fund		
Purpose: Cabinet Member considers and approves 8 applications under the Household Support Fund to support an increased number of people facing food poverty.		
Recommendations / key decisions required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve 8 applications received as part of the Household Support Fund. Approve the virement of £25,856 into the County's wider Poverty Fund. 		
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.
Jason Jones	Head of Regeneration	01267 224124 Email: addresses:Jajones@carmartheshhire.gov.uk
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

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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 was agreed by Cabinet Member on the 27th October that the Household Support Fund would be made available to local foodbanks that are helping to tackle food poverty within the county. Support would be made available for the purchase of additional supplies of good quality food and essential goods via Castell Howell Foods by the Council on behalf of the foodbanks.

In order to identify demand, foodbanks were contacted in October 2022 and invited to submit an application, setting out support required over a four-month period from the middle of November 2022 until the middle of March 2023. In total, the following 16 Foodbanks were contacted and invited to submit applications for funding:

- Salvation Army
- Xcel Foodbank
- Llandysul Foodbank
- Newcastle Emlyn Foodbank
- Tyisha Foodbank
- CETMA
- Antioch Centre
- Llwynhendy Foodbank
- Myrtle House Foodbank
- Ammanford Foodbank
- Cwmamman Pantry

- Llandeilo Foodbank (Bocs Bwyd)
- Llandovery Foodbank
- Whitland Foodbank
- Trimsaran Foodbank
- Llannon/Tumble Foodbank

1 new foodbank contacted us directly. Subsequently, we received applications for financial support from 8 foodbanks.

The applications received were assessed by the Bureau’s grants panel, taking into consideration the number of people that they are currently supporting, future numbers, along with how they plan to target the most in need. When assessing we considered each application based on the monetary value requested, divided by the numbers of individuals supported over a four month period, subsequently this exercise identified an average cost per head that was used as a comparison when determining the maximum grant awarded. These ranged from £3.50 per head to £10 per head which is due to varying reasons such as access to donations and support from other sources. Given that support is required swiftly, we have relied on the detail provided by the foodbank in terms of numbers of people accessing the foodbank and the level of resource that they need to support existing demand. The Authority will enter into an agreement with the respective foodbanks which we shall be monitoring.

Based on the assessment undertaken, it is recommended that funding is awarded to the following foodbanks to the value of £65,300 (total amount) in respect of **8 individual applications**:

- 1) Cwmamman Pantry £7,000
- 2) Myrtle House £15,000
- 3) Christ Church £4,000
- 4) Antioch Christian Centre £2,800
- 5) Llwynhendy Foodbank £15,000
- 6) Tyisha Foodbank £12,000
- 7) Llannon/Tumble Foodbank £6,000
- 8) CETMA £3,500

If the aforementioned applications are approved, a total of £25,856 remains uncommitted. As agreed by Cabinet Member on the 27th October, it is proposed that this amount is vired into the County’s wider Poverty Fund.

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

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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 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.

£25,856 remains uncommitted. As agreed by Cabinet Member on the 27th October, it is proposed that this amount is vired into the County's wider Poverty Fund.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

Cllr Kevin Madge

Cllr Emyr Rees

Cllr Crish Davies

Cllr Lewis Davies

Cllr Emlyn Schiavone

Cllr Russell Sparks

Cllr Sean Rees

Cllr Louvain Roberts

Cllr Sharen Davies

Cllr Jason Hart

Cllr Suzy Curry

Cllr Terry Davies

Cllr Dot Jones

Cllr Llinos Davies

Cllr. Michael Cranham

Cllr Janet Williams

Cllr Phillip Warlow

3. Community / Town Council

N/A

4. Relevant Partners

N/A

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