

**CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR THE
LEADER
26/01/2022**

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Emlyn Dole	Leader

**HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND –
TACKLING FOOD POVERTY WLGA GRANT**

Purpose:

To consider and approve the following proposals:

- To approve the establishment of an initiative to enable the authority to support an increased number of people facing food poverty.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

Approve the delivery of the Food Poverty initiative.

Reasons:

To support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable 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: _____
EXECUTIVE BOARD 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
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Household Support Fund - Food Poverty WLGA Grant

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty, Carmarthenshire County Council has been allocated an additional budget for financial year 21/22 of £27,865 of revenue funding by the WLGA to help tackle food poverty within the county.

The Purpose of the Fund is 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. Such problems might arise from an unsustainable growth in demand for food and essential goods, or difficulties sourcing sufficient donations and good food surplus to meet local needs.

It is proposed that this funding is distributed to local food banks that are helping to tackle food poverty within the county. In order to identify demand, the authority will invite expression of interests from local food banks, up to a maximum of £3,500 to 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.

All expression of interests submitted for the fund must support the aim of tackling food poverty and food insecurity. The project must benefit the residents of the Carmarthenshire and meet one or more of the Well-being Objectives within Carmarthenshire County Council's own measurements.

The project will be administered by CCC central Bureau team via an Expression of Interest. Assessment will be on the need for the activity, how they plan to target the most in need, and can be delivered and fully claimed by the 31st March 2022.

Eligible applications will be presented to a grants panel that will be assessed against the criteria and make recommendations for funding.

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
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Finance

A total budget of £27,865 (Revenue) is made available via the WLGA Household Support Fund – Tackling Food Poverty to provide support to foodbanks across the county.

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