

# Cabinet Member – Homes and Deputy Leader 5<sup>TH</sup> July 2022

<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>	
Cllr. Linda Evans	Cabinet member for Homes and Deputy Leader	
<b>HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND TACKLING FOOD POVERTY WLGA GRANT</b>		
<b>Purpose:</b>		
To consider and approve the following proposals:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To approve the establishment of an initiative to enable the authority to support an increased number of people facing food poverty.</li> </ul>		
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b>		
Approve the delivery of the Food Poverty initiative.		
<b>Reasons:</b>		
To support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable organisations to meet local needs.		
Directorate	Designation	Tel No.
Name of Head of Service:		
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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 <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**CABINET MEMBER HOMES AND DEPUTY LEADER**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**

**Household Support Fund - Food Poverty WLGA Grant**

**1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.**

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty, Carmarthenshire County Council was allocated initially £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 have received an additional budget of £55,729 in April 22 of revenue funding by the WLGA to help tackle food poverty within the county, that is to be utilised during the financial year 22/23. The project will be administered by CCC central Bureau team.

The Purpose of the additional funding is 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. 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 together with the underspend from the initial award (£8,027), continues to be distributed to local food banks that are helping to tackle food poverty within the county. This will 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.

In order to identify demand, foodbanks will be invited to submit an application setting out support required over a three-month period from the beginning of August 2022. Once bids have been submitted, they will be assessed and submitted to grants panel. Assessment will be on the need for the activity, how they plan to target the most in need.

Eligible applications will be presented to a grants panel and recommendation and sign off by Head of Regeneration. If the full budget was not taken up under the initial application process, then a second call would be opened with the agreement of the Head of Regeneration.

**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 revenue budget of £63,756 (including reserves of £8,027) 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