

**Cabinet Member – Homes and Deputy Leader**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

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| <b>Cabinet Board Member:</b>   | <b>Portfolio:</b>                                    |                         |
| <b>Cllr. Linda Evans</b>   | <b>Cabinet member for Homes and Deputy Leader</b>    |                         |
| <b>FOOD POVERTY WLGA GRANT</b>   |  |                         |
| <b>Purpose:</b><br>To consider and approve the following proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To approve the establishment of a third-party fund to help tackle food poverty and food insecurity</li></ul> |  |                         |
| <b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b><br><b>Approve the delivery of the Food Poverty Fund via a Third-Party Grant</b>   |  |                         |
| <b>Reason:</b><br>To support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable organisations to meet local needs.   |  |                         |
| Directorate<br>Name of Head of Service:<br>Jason Jones   | Designation<br>Head of Regeneration                  | Tel No.<br>01267 224124 |
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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**

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| 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**  
**8TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Food Poverty WLGA Grant**

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

As part of the Tackling Food Poverty and Addressing Food Insecurity EU Transition Funding Bid, Carmarthenshire County Council was allocated a budget 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 £21,295 capital and £26,941 revenue funding that WG approved can be utilised during financial year 22/23.

It is proposed that this funding is distributed through a third-party grant, administered by the Authority. The third-party grant will be open to any constituted organisation which is seeking to help tackle food poverty in Carmarthenshire. Capital and revenue grants of between £1,000 and £4,999 will be made available.

The funding will be used in a variety of ways to help boost the capacity of organisations to strengthen the infrastructures that address food poverty. The following are examples of eligible activities:

- Develop and strengthen food partnerships with a view to creating healthy, sustainable local food systems that help tackle food insecurity.
- Support initiatives such as outreach work, training volunteers and to build resilience through the development of community hubs which co-locate a range of support services such as debt and housing advice, all built around community food provision.
- Support for organisations to access, store and distribute additional supplies of good quality food, including good food surplus, in particular, larger amounts of fresh food, boosting the capacity of organisations to provide good quality, nutritious food to their customers. It can be used in a variety of ways to suit the requirements of the organisation, for example but not limited to - purchasing fridges, freezers, cooking equipment, developing infrastructure to include databases to improve referrals and pathways, supporting collaborative agency working.
- Projects such as community cafes, growing projects, social supermarkets, community shops (reducing food waste by selling residual stock) and sharing skills through mobile cooking schools would be considered.

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.

The fund will be promoted via our corporate website, inviting groups to apply on a first come first serve basis.

All applications submitted for the Food Poverty 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:

Applications will be assessed on the need for the project or activity, how they plan to target the most in need, sustainability of the project, collaborative working and projects that can be delivered and fully claimed by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Eligible applications will be presented to a grant panel that will assess against the criteria and make recommendations for funding and if successful, they will be presented to Cabinet member for approval.

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| <b>DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?</b> | <b>NO</b> |
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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

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| Policy and Crime & Disorder | Legal       | Finance    | ICT         | Risk Management Issues | Organisational Development | Physical Assets |
| <b>NONE</b>                 | <b>NONE</b> | <b>YES</b> | <b>NONE</b> | <b>NONE</b>            | <b>NONE</b>                | <b>NONE</b>     |

### 1. Finance

Initially a total budget of £ £102,200 (Capital £45,591 and Revenue £56,609) was made available via the WLGA Food Poverty Fund to provide support to organisations across the county.

Balance available for 22/23 financial year £48,236 (Cap £21,295 and Revenue £26,941)

## 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