

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
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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

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