

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.		
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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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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

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
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