

# CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER

**DATE: 11/09/2023**

<b>Cabinet Member:</b> Cllr. Linda Davies Evans	<b>Portfolio:</b> Cabinet Member for Homes & Deputy Leader	
<b>Subject: WG Direct Food Support Fund</b>		
<b>Purpose:</b> Cabinet Member considers and approves assistance via Welsh Government's Direct Food Support fund to support an increased number of people facing food poverty.		
<b>Recommendations / key decisions required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Retrospectively approve the delivery of the Direct Food Support Fund administered by CCC Bureau team within Economic Development.</li><li>- To approve 10 applications received as part of the Direct Food Support Fund.</li><li>- Approve delegation to the Head of Regeneration to award funding for further rounds should additional funding become available.</li></ul>		
<b>Reasons:</b> To support an increased number of people facing food poverty by providing financial support to enable local organisations to meet local needs.		
<b>Directorate</b> <b>Name of Head of Service:</b> Jason Jones  <b>Report Author:</b> Rhian Phillips	<b>Designation</b> Head of Regeneration, Policy and Digital  Economic Development Area Manager	<b>Tel No:</b> 01267 224124 <b>Email addresses:</b> <a href="mailto:Jajones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">Jajones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:mrphillips@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">mrphillips@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a>

**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 <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 DECISIONS MEETING FOR HOMES & DEPUTY LEADER

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## WG Direct Food Support Fund

### 1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The Authority has been providing support to foodbanks via various Welsh Government funding initiatives over recent months.

The Authority has recently been allocated a further £53,076.00 through the Welsh Government Direct Food Support Fund, the aim of which is to support an increased number of people facing food poverty.

With this funding, along with slippage from previous rounds, the Authority is seeking to make available additional funding to foodbanks across the County 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.

In order to identify demand, the Foodbanks were contacted in July 2023 and invited to submit an application, setting out support required between September to December 2023. In total, the following 16 Foodbanks were contacted and invited to submit applications for funding:

- Salvation Army
- Xcel Foodbank
- Llandysul Foodbank
- Newcastle Emlyn Foodbank
- Tyisha Foodbank
- CETMA
- Antioch Centre
- Llwynhendy Foodbank
- Myrtle House Foodbank
- Ammanford Foodbank
- Cwmamman Pantry
- Llandeilo Foodbank (Bocs Bwyd)

- Llandovery Foodbank
- Whitland Foodbank
- Llannon/Tumble Foodbank
- Christ Church Foodbank

Subsequently, 10 Foodbanks submitted an application by the deadline.

The applications received were assessed by the Bureau's grants panel, taking into consideration the number of people they are currently supporting, future numbers, along with how they plan to target the most in need. As part of the assessment process, each application was considered based on the monetary value requested, divided by the numbers of individuals supported over a four-month period.

This exercise identified an average cost per head that was used as a comparison when determining the maximum grant awarded. These ranged from £3.50 per head to £10 per head which is due to varying reasons such as access to donations and support from other sources.

Given that support is required swiftly, we have relied on the detail provided by the foodbank in terms of numbers of people accessing the foodbank and the level of resource they need to support existing demand. The Authority will enter into an agreement with the respective foodbanks which we will monitor on a regular basis.

Based on the assessment undertaken, it is recommended that funding is awarded to the following foodbanks to the value of £56,000 in respect of **10 individual applications**:

- 1) Tyisha Foodbank - £8,000
- 2) Christ Church Foodbank - £8,000
- 3) CETMA - £4,000
- 4) Llanelli Foodbank (Myrtle House) - £10,000
- 5) Llwynhendy Foodbank - £10,000
- 6) Salvation Army - £1,000
- 7) Cwmamman Pantry - £5,500
- 8) Llannon Pantry - £6,500
- 9) Llandovery Foodbank - £2,500
- 10) Banc Bwyd CNE - £500 (up to a maximum £1,000 should the need arise).

In addition, we received a late submission from Ammanford Foodbank. Due to the demand, we propose that that this application is also considered by the Bureau team and that delegated authority is granted to the Head of Regeneration, Digital and Policy to make the decision on the application, subject to available funding, in line with consistent levels of funding with other foodbanks.

## 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 Digital

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.

### 2. Finance

The support is fully funded via WLGA and Welsh Government grant funding via the Direct Food Support fund together with slippage from previous food support funding via Welsh Government.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration, Policy and Digital

**(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)**

## 1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

## 2. Local Member(s)

Cllr. Kevin Madge

Cllr. Emyr Rees

Cllr. Crish Davies

Cllr. Lewis Davies

Cllr. Emlyn Schiavone

Cllr. Russell Sparks

Cllr. Sharen Davies

Cllr. Jason Hart

Cllr. Suzy Curry

Cllr. Terry Davies

Cllr. Dot Jones

Cllr. Llinos Davies

Cllr. Michael Cranham

Cllr. Janet Williams

Cllr. Phillip Warlow

Cllr. Hazel Evans

Cllr. Handel Davies

## 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:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
WG Direct Food Support Fund	WG DFSF 2023/24	County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP