

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – L18 21/22

Decision				
1	Title of decision: Household Support Fund: Expenditure Plan			
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Nick Kelly, Leader of Plymouth City Council			
3	Report author and contact details: Rachel Silcock, Community Empowerment Lead, 01752 307176			
4	Decision to be taken: To approve the Household Support Fund spending plan as outlined in the attached report			
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>Funding from central government for the Household Support Grant was confirmed on the 6th October to support vulnerable households during the winter months including with food, energy and other essentials costs. The attached plan describes the proposals for the use of this fund to target people at risk of fuel and financial insecurity, based on the learning from similar grant funding received last winter. This plan needs to be returned to the DWP by October 29th.</p>			
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Option 1: Do Nothing</p> <p>This is not an option as the Council has been awarded grant funding to support vulnerable households, with at least 50% of the funding targeted on households with children and young people. To not use or accept this funding would be to the detriment of Plymouth people.</p> <p>Option 2:</p> <p>Proposed plan attached with areas for expenditure based on previous experience of providing this type of support</p>			
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>The funding is provided by the Department for Work and Pensions. The total grant for the Council is £2,294,796.82, to cover the winter of 2021/22.</p> <p>There are no other financial implications for Plymouth City Council</p>			
8	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p>	Yes	No	<p>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</p> <p>in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total</p>
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			x	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
			x	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions			
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	This proposal links to the Child Poverty agenda for the city and also A Bright Future 2021 – 26 in supporting children to stay safe and well through the provision of adequate food.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	None		
Urgent decisions				
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes	√	(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No		(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency: We were notified of this expenditure on October 6 th and there is a requirement that an expenditure plan is returned to government by October 29 th .			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:	Approved by email	Date	27/10/2021
	Scrutiny Committee name:	Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
	Print Name:	Councillor Chris Penberthy		
Consultation				
13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes		
		No	√	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?			
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted			

14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer				
		No	√					
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Ruth Harrell					
		Job title	Director of Public Health					
		Date consulted	21st October 2021					
Sign-off								
16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DS63 21/22					
		Finance (mandatory)	djn.21.22.139					
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/22.10.21					
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A					
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A					
		Procurement (if applicable)	N/A					
Appendices								
17	Ref.	Title of appendix						
	A	Household Support Fund Paper						
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment						
Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	√					
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
Background Papers								
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which							

	disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.						
Title of background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature							
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.						
Signature			Date of decision	27 October 2021			
Print Name	Councillor Nick Kelly, Leader of Plymouth City Council						