



## **PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 36/21-22**

### **MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/2022**

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If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision, please refer to:

– Claire Johnson (0208 132 1154)

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1/36/21-22	Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement (Cllr Mary Maguire)	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	Part 1	Housing Support Grant – Proposals for Spend 6/10/21 to 31/3/22	KD 5396	All	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	1-2

**DECISIONS**

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<b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:</b>							
HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT – PROPOSALS FOR SPEND 6/10/21 TO 31/3/22							
<b>Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)</b>	<b>Wards affected by decision</b>	<b>Decision taken by</b>	<b>Date Decision comes into effect</b>	<b>Interest declared in respect of the Decision</b>	<b>Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Eligible for Call-in &amp; Date to be called in by</b>
Part 1	ALL	Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement (Cllr Mary Maguire)	Wednesday 1 December 2021	N/A	KD 5396	Cheryl Headon Head of Schools Traded Services <a href="mailto:Cheryl.headon@enfield.gov.uk">Cheryl.headon@enfield.gov.uk</a> 020 8132 3129  Sally Sanders Head of Service Assessment <a href="mailto:sally.sanders@enfield.gov.uk">sally.sanders@enfield.gov.uk</a> 020 8132 2665	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
<b>DECISION</b>							
<p>AGREED subject to not being called in: That it is recommended that:            The grant provided to Enfield Council from the DWP would be distributed on three key themes to maximise the impact for residents in need. The three themes and the proposed distribution of funding is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Children at School, £1.92m</li> <li>b. Targeting those identified from benefit data as in crisis or at risk, £790.2K</li> <li>c. Residents identifying themselves in crisis, £137.7K.</li> </ol>							
<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>							
<p>The options outlined within the report have been developed because they are believed to be the most beneficial method of distributing the grant. However, should any element of the proposed distribution be underutilised then alternative options will be considered and agreed.</p>							
<b>REASONS FOR PROPOSAL</b>							
<p>1. On October 1<sup>st</sup> the government ceased the additional £20 per week uplift to Universal Credit (UC). The end of the Universal Credit uplift coincided with the end of the Covid-19 furlough scheme, and increasing inflation driven by rising fuel and food prices. Within</p>							

Enfield there are 14,000 families and single people on Universal Credit whose disposable income will be affected by these changes.

2. The Council already has a range of support in place for residents in poverty including the Children and Adult Social Services, Enfield Food Pantry, Local Welfare Assistance funding, and voluntary sector donations to Citizen Advice Bureau and North London Food bank. The Council also administers Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support, Discretionary Housing Payments and Council Tax Support Hardship Payments. Whilst this range of support helps many residents in the borough, there is a significant risk of financial hardship this winter for many. The DWP grant offers the opportunity to alleviate some of the hardship via the distribution of funds to those most in need.
3. The aim of these proposals is to direct the limited grant funding at those most in need with minimal administrative burden by accessing the best intelligence available on how to achieve this.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages.