



PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 2/22-23

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23

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DECISIONS

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LIST REFERENCE: 1/2/22-23

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT – PROPOSALS FOR SPEND APRIL 2022 to SEPTEMBER 2022							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All	Fay Hammond (Executive Director – Resources)	Wed 15 June 22	None	KD 5455	Vicky Gardner Project Manager – Transformation & Sue Nelson, Director of Customer Experience	Yes Tuesday 14 June 22
DECISION							
<p>AGREED subject to not being called in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the grant is to provide support to households, particularly those including children and pensioners, who would otherwise struggle to buy food or pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs or housing costs (in exceptional cases of genuine emergency) to help them with significantly rising living costs. The grant allocation requirements are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least 33.33% of the grant is allocated to households with children (defined as a person who will be under the age of 19 as at 30th September 2022, or a person aged 19 or over in respect of whom a child-related benefit is paid or free school meals are provided during the Grant Period; at least 33.33% of the grant is allocated to support households that include a person who has reached state pension age by 30th September 2022; up to 33.33% of the grant is used to assist other households. The funding is subject to the terms and conditions of agreement and to authorise entry into the grant agreement with DWP The funding is intended to ensure support is given to a wide range of low-income households that cannot increase their income through work, to prevent escalation of problems. To authorise legal officers (where so required) to enter into legal agreement and complete all necessary legal documentation with the DWP 							

6. To note and agree strict compliance with all conditions included in the Household Support Fund Grant Determination Letter **No 31/3096** and associated terms and conditions included in Annex B to achieve the objectives of this arrangement.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

1. 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.

REASONS FOR PROPOSAL

1. Previous support has helped a vast range of Enfield residents. A previous grant amount of £2,847,994.64 enabled us to offer support to schools, with vouchers, an extension to free school meals and winter clothing. In addition to this, we funded three community food kitchen spaces, the purchase of twenty bicycles through Cycle Enfield. Young Chef programme 2022 and the purchase of 15,000 Take & Make Food boxes, which created 60,000 meals.

Amended to read: Previous support has helped a vast range of Enfield residents. A previous grant amount of £2,847,994.64 enabled us to offer support to schools, with vouchers, an extension to free school meals and winter clothing. In addition to this, we funded three community food kitchen spaces, Young Chef programme 2022 and the purchase of 15,000 Take & Make Food boxes, which created 60,000 meals.

2. We also targeted support to 7,000 residents on the lowest income in receipt of Housing Benefit, Council Tax Support and/or Universal Credit that were deemed to be at risk and in crisis, by issuing a £100 PayPoint voucher. In addition, 2,000 households were supported with a crisis payment where they presented themselves in need of support during casework delivered by a range of agencies. The experience of the support we have provided in the past has helped us understand how residents in need respond to different types of support and have helped us mine our data to target those most in need.
3. The aim of this proposal, which responds to new HSG grant allocation and amended guidance, is to use our experience gained so far to direct the limited grant funding at those most in need, with minimal administrative burden, and 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.

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