



PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 9/22-23

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2/9/22-23	Cllr Tim Leaver (Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement)	Wednesday 3 August 22	Part 1	Support for Energy Bills – the Council Tax Rebate 2022-23 – Discretionary Fund	KD 5480	All	Yes Tuesday 2 August 22	4-5
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LIST REFERENCE: 1/9/22-23

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
APPROVAL OF THE FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2022-23							
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 & 2 (Para 3)	All	Cllr Susan Erbil (Cabinet Member for Licensing, Planning & Regulatory Services)	Wednesday 3 August 22	None	KD 5475	Esther Hughes Head of Service – Consumer Protection & Waste Enforcement esther.hughes@enfield.gov.uk 020 8132 2147	Yes Tuesday 2 August 22
DECISION							
<p>AGREED subject to not being called in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> that the Cabinet Member agrees the Food Service Plan 2022/23 (Appendix c) 							
OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable. It is a statutory requirement to deliver a food safety Service. 							
REASONS FOR PROPOSAL							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is a statutory requirement to produce an annual food service plan for Member approval. 							
BACKGROUND							
Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages.							

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LIST REFERENCE: 2/9/22-23

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
SUPPORT FOR ENERGY BILLS – THE COUNCIL TAX REBATE 2022-23 – DISCRETIONARY FUND							
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	Cllr Tim Leaver (Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement)	Wednesday 3 August 22	None	KD 5480	Marc Pruis Council Tax Review Team Manager Marc.pruis@enfield.gov.uk 020 8132 2425	Yes Tuesday 2 August 22
DECISION							
<p>AGREED subject to not being called in:</p> <p>1. The Council is proposing to target the grant at low-income households. All liable council taxpayers in Council Tax Bands A – D (or E with disabled relief) are eligible for £150 under the main Council Tax Energy Rebate scheme (the main scheme) which is currently in payment. For the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme which is the subject of this report two options are put forward, with the preferred option being Option 1.</p> <p>Option 1. Support all households in Band E (this would exclude those in band E with disabled reduction, as those will be covered by the main scheme) with £103 (a total of 21,338 households fall into this category), and all households in Bands F-H that are in receipt of Council Tax Support (CTS) with £103 (a total of 832 households fall into this category). This will ensure that the whole Funding allocation of £2,279,250 for the discretionary scheme is spent, making sure every penny will go to residents in need and none is returned. There will be an overspend of £4,260 to come from Welfare Reform Reserve (a/c 79271):</p>							
OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
<p>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 based on the same principles will be considered and agreed.</p>							
REASONS FOR PROPOSAL							
<p>1. Option 1 is proposed. The Council have previously and continue to support a large number of Enfield residents through the Household Support Grant who receive targeted payments e.g. £2.8 million was paid out in Oct 20 – March 21. This included 7,000 households on the</p>							

lowest income, 2,000 households considered in crisis, three community food kitchen spaces, and 15,000 Take & Make Food boxes, which created 60,000 meals.

A further £2.8 million was allocated for April - Sept 22 and this has been targeted at 15,000 children eligible for a free school meal and 2,000 additional children identified by schools as eligible for a voucher, over 8,000 pensioners and 645 households with children aged 0-5.

2. The aim of this proposal, which responds to the Discretionary Energy Rebate grant allocation and 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.

3. The considerations underpinning the proposed option 1 are:

Supporting low-income households:

- All Council Tax Support claimants will receive a payment, irrespective of the band of the property. These are residents typically on the lowest incomes.

Ensuring wide distribution:

- A consequence of the main scheme criteria is that everyone in a band A-D will get £150. The Government is using Council Tax valuation bands as a proxy for household need in the design of the main scheme. There is much evidence that the cost-of-living crisis is affecting a wider group of residents than those on existing benefits and will affect many people outside of property bands A-D. Option 1 ensures that a further 21,338 households in the borough in band E are supported, plus a further 832 households on CTS in bands F-H, rather than topping up those that already received £150 through the main scheme. Those on Universal Credit, tax credits, pension credit and other means-tested benefits are also to be recipients of the Governments £650 household energy payment to be distributed by Government automatically into bank accounts in two instalments, the first in July 22 and the second in the Autumn.

Simplicity and practicality:

- 75% of households in bands E-H pay by DD and so can be automatically credited at no cost (compared to 51% DD payers in bands A-D), removing the need and administrative process for so many to be paid through the Post Office. The cost of administration is covered in part by £124k Governments 'New Burdens' funding but we are likely to spend more than currently allocated due to the thorough approach we are taking. We are not yet certain of the remaining funds that will be allocated to the local authority to deliver the scheme.
- Less valuation appeals to the valuation officer to request a band reduction to band D, as all in band E will be covered.

Other

- Benchmarking: Option 1 has been published as the preferred option by other LA's.

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