

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Removal from Call-in Process ("fast track") Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17

Subject: Household Support Fund

Decision Maker: The Leader of the Council

Date of Decision: 19th November 2021

Decision to be removed from Call-in process: -

- a) Notes that the Leader of the Council previously gave approval on the 14 October 2021 to accept the HSF grant of £5.2m from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and to spend £442.5k of the grant for the purpose of providing free school meal vouchers to those eligible for free school meals.
- b) Approves the spending plan and the £900k which was detailed as 'Not yet allocated' as detailed in the Household Support Fund Report.
- c) Notes the short timescales the Council has been given in order to have this scheme live hence the need for a fast-track process.
- d) Note that the spending plans are not complete and further planning needs to be undertaken to look at what other pro-active approaches can be developed to target those most in need with this Fund over the coming months.
- e) Delegates authority to the Executive Director of People Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of Legal and Governance, which are not already covered by existing delegations in the Leaders Scheme of Delegation:
 - to take any such decisions necessary to meet the aims, objectives of the delivery plan submitted to the DWP and this report.

Reasons for Urgency

The DWP has announced this funding with short notice for Local Authorities to make decisions surrounding it and requested Local Authorities submit spending plans by the 29th of October 2021. Funding must be spent by the 31st of March 2021 with the delivery plan to start imminently. The Household Support Fund will provide support to vulnerable households in most need of support this winter.

We certify that the above item of business is urgent and that its delay for scrutiny would consequently significantly prejudice the interests of the Council or a third party.
(To be signed by an Executive Director and 2 Statutory Officers)

Signed ...John Macilwraith, via email..... Date05/11/21.....
Executive Director of People Services

Plus any two of the following Statutory Officers:-

Signed Date
Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive)

Signed ...Eugene Walker, via email... Date04/11/21.....
Chief Finance Officer (Executive Director, Resources)

Signed ...Gillian Duckworth, via email..... Date05/11/21.....
Monitoring Officer (Director of Legal & Governance)

Consultation with the appropriate Executive Member / Chair of the Co-operative Executive

I confirm that I have been consulted about and support the removal of this item of business from the call-in process.

Signed ...Terry Fox, via email..... Date ...15/11/21.....
Leader of the Council and Chair of Co-operative Executive

Lead Officer to Complete

As Lead Officer (LO), I confirm that I have notified the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee* detailed below, that the decision is urgent and they are aware that the decision is being removed from the call-in process.

Scrutiny Chair:Councillor Steve Ayris.....

Scrutiny Committee: ... Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

LO SignatureKeith Leyland..... Date ... 19th November 2021

Print Name:

Position: Covid Response Hub Service Manager

*In the absence of the Scrutiny Chair, the Lord Mayor / or Deputy Lord Mayor should be notified and recorded above.