

## SPECIAL URGENCY DECISION

Leader of Council:

Name: Councillor Alyson Barnes  
Date agreed: 11/05/2023

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny:

Name: Councillor Michelle Smith  
Date agreed: 11/05/2023

Decision Taker:

Rob Huntington

Details of Decision and Reasoning:

1 Accept the £640k Household Support Fund 4 (HSF4) grant.

2 Approve funding to partner organisations to enable them to support the most financially vulnerable. With targeted payments to vulnerable households including disabled residents and carers being delivered by the Council.

3 That any minor amendments to the criteria and budget be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Resources.

It is imperative that the Council proceeds with the grant process as soon as possible to ensure full utilisation of the grant within the time period.

The funding will be allocated:-

Targeted support based on Council Tax information (includes households which include disabled residents and carers)  
Support via Citizens Advice Food & Fuel Line

Food Banks

Affordable Warmth grants via Homewise  
Discretionary Housing support and an emergency discretionary fund.

Distribution of grant funding continues to be in line with the scheme eligibility.

To delay making payments until the next meeting of Council would be a detriment to those most in need.

Decision to be taken by:

Rob Huntington

Documents to be considered by the  
decision taker:

CMT Report HSF4

Implications:

The HSF4 scheme commenced in April 2023 and is due to run until March 2024. The scheme is fully funded by Government. To seek approval at the next Council meeting would delay the distribution of grants to vulnerable residents.

Status:

For publication

Date:

11/05/2023

## NOTES

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  - b) has a **significant impact** because (for example) it either:
    - (i) affects individuals or organisations outside the Borough; or
    - (ii) will have a long term (more than 5 years) or permanent effect on the council or the borough.
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