



SPECIAL URGENCY DECISION

Deputy Leader of Council:

Name: Councillor Jackie Oakes Date agreed: 18 th April 2024

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny:

Name: Councillor Samara Barnes Date agreed: 18 th April 2024
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Decision Taker:

Rob Huntington

Details of Decision and Reasoning:

<p>1 Accept the £310,345 Household Support Fund 5 (HSF5) grant from Lancashire County Council.</p> <p>2 Approve funding to partner organisations to enable them to support the most financially vulnerable Rosendale Residents.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The grant allocation is for the period 1st April 2024 – 30th September 2024. 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.</p> <p>The funding will be allocated:- Citizens Advice will run an application service. Affordable Warmth grants via Homewise, Discretionary Housing support, support via Food Banks, support for refugee & asylum seekers and an emergency discretionary fund. In addition there will be investment in an income maximisation project.</p> <p>Distribution of grant funding continues to be in line with the scheme eligibility.</p> <p>To delay making payments until the next meeting of Council would be a detriment to those most in need.</p>

Decision to be taken by:

Rob Huntington



Documents to be considered by the decision taker:

CMT Report HSF5

Implications:

The HSF5 scheme commenced in April 2024 and is due to run until September 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:

18/04/2024



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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 3. When the decision has been made and the form signed by the decision taker and the portfolio holder the form should be sent to the Committee Services Manager.