

Record of Officer Decision

Household Support Fund (HSF) 5

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Director of Adult and Community Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, Public Health and Inequalities on 27 August 2024.

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

Guidance was issued on 26 March 2024 and a 6-month funding package from 1 April 2024 of £1,235,356.81 was provided for Torbay.

The guidance states that the fund can be used to provide support with food, essentials linked to energy and water, wider essentials, and housing costs not covered by other schemes. In terms of type of support, it suggests that authorities should prioritise supporting households with the cost of energy.

Following a review of spend to date, sufficient budget remains available to provide additional support to Torbay Food Alliance prior to the end of the current scheme.

Decision Taken:

The financial support to the Torbay Food Alliance including food banks and social supermarkets is increased this year by a further £166,400 to alleviate immediate funding pressures.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

To meet the grant restrictions and prioritise addressing hunger, poverty and housing cost pressures in Torbay.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

None

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None

Implementation:

This decision will be implemented immediately.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
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