

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 14 March 2023

Decision No: (CAB 22/23 36100)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Communities & Customer Engagement
SUBJECT:	Household Support Fund April 2023-March 2024
AUTHOR:	Sara Crawford

THE DECISION

- (i) To approve in principle for Southampton City Council to participate in the delivery of the next phase of Household Support Fund from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director Wellbeing & Housing to finalise the details of the local Household Support Fund scheme following consultation with the Executive Director - Finance, Commercialisation and S151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Communities and Customer Engagement and to administer funding in accordance with that scheme.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. This pledge of funding is to be provided to County Councils and Unitary Authorities and forms part of the Government's wider package of support for those most in need, to help with the cost of living. This funding can be used to support some of our most vulnerable households.
2. Local Authorities received the final guidance and confirmation of actual amount of funding allocated for the period of 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024, on the 20th February 2023. Funding has been confirmed as £4,445,352 for a 12 month period.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Council may consider not accepting this funding. This is not recommended as the fund is designed to assist local authorities to help residents experiencing financial hardship linked to the global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living and to be complementary to the Government's wider package of Cost of Living support.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 14th March 2023

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*