

**SOMERSET COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS MEMBER / OFFICER DECISION RECORD**

KEY DECISION RECORD

Household Support Fund 2023-24

Executive Member(s): Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Resources and Performance

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1. Executive Lead Member Key Decision

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Resources and Performance endorsed the approach in consultation with the Lead Member for Children, Families and Education and the Lead Member for Adult Social Care, and authorised:

- a) Somerset Council to accept the HSF grant of £7,640,831 to be used in line with the published guidance to meet the needs of vulnerable households in Somerset
- b) To agree an allocation of the grant to an online portal, allowing people to apply for funding themselves, or for professionals to apply on their behalf
- c) To agree an allocation of the grant to ensure under-represented communities are able to access funding
- d) To agree an allocation of the grant to fund support to children and families in receipt of Free School Meals during the holiday periods
- e) To agree an allocation of the grant for financial advice and guidance in line with the guidance detailed above
- f) To agree an allocation of the grant for targeted funding to Somerset residents in receipt of Pension Credit
- g) To agree the oversight of spending decisions to be delegated to the Children, Young People and Families Board

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Signed by:

Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Resources and Performance

Executive Lead Member for Children, Families and Education

Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care

2. Reason for Decision(s)

As set out in the Officer's report

3. Reason(s) for Urgency

None

4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

As set out in the attached report

5. Any relevant Personal Interest that the Executive Lead Member may have under the Council's Code of Conduct for members

None

6. Details of any conflict(s) of interest declared by an Executive Lead Member consulted about the proposals and any dispensation from Chief Executive

None

7. Other background information considered by the Executive Lead Member before making this decision

Consultation representations and comments received from Somerset Council Elected Members