

## Appendix 2 – Pre-Decision Scrutiny: Distribution of the Household Support Fund Grant

Considered by Homes Sub-Committee on 6 December 2022

REC No.	SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	DEPARTMENT AND CABINET MEMBER RESPONDING	ACCEPTED / PARTIALLY ACCEPTED / REJECTED (inc. reasons for rejection)	IDENTIFIED OFFICER	ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IF ACCEPTED (i.e., Action Plan)	DATE OF SCRUTINY MEETING TO REPORT BACK
1.	Members recommended that publicity be clear on the criteria and exceptions relating to the distribution of the Discretionary part of the fund and to consider using social media advertising (including Facebook paid ads) to proactively publicise the Fund. It was further recommended that all councillors were provided with the information in a timely manner so they can promote through community networks and other social media channels incl. Next Door.	Councillor Lynne Hale Cabinet Member for Homes	<p style="text-align: center;">ACCEPTED</p> <p>The Household Support Fund went live on 20<sup>th</sup> December with the criteria and exceptions relating to the discretionary part of the fund made clear on the <u>website</u>. Both Members and VCS partners were provided with Household Support Fund information on 21<sup>st</sup> December. The Housing directorate are currently progressing the use of social media to advertise the Household Support Fund.</p>	Susmita Sen, Corporate Director of Housing	None	<p>Household Support Fund go-live on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.</p> <p>Information provided to Members on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.</p> <p>Use of social media to promote the Household Support Fund will be completed ahead of the February Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting.</p>	6 <sup>th</sup> February Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting.
2.	The Sub-Committee recommended that a provision for emergency situations be investigated for the discretionary element of the Fund. This could be in the form of faster processing of the grant (days instead of a two week turnaround) and/or vouchers. (Chair and Vice Chair to be updated on feasibility before the Christmas break 2022)	Councillor Lynne Hale Cabinet Member for Homes	<p style="text-align: center;">ACCEPTED</p> <p>Provision for emergency situations included as part of Household Support Fund was included in the 20<sup>th</sup> December go-live. Provision of funds for food and emergency fuel top ups are provided to residents within 24 and 48 hours.</p>	Susmita Sen, Corporate Director of Housing	None	<p>Household Support Fund go-live on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022.</p> <p>Information provided to Members on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.</p>	6 <sup>th</sup> February Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting.