

Gloucester City Council

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD FORM

Date of decision:	07 December 2022		
Title	Household Support Fund Delivery Partners		
Decision Maker	Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods		
Date published on Forward Plan	N/A	Date report published	09 December 2022
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes
Decision: To distribute funds to local voluntary community sector partners to deliver The Household Support Fund by March 31st 2023 to the sum of £148,000.00.			
Reason for decision: Funding has come from the DWP to Gloucestershire County Council for their wider Household Support Fund grant programme and each district has been allocated a portion of that to deliver locally responding to need. Gloucestershire County Council has engaged with Gloucester City Council to support them to deliver the Household Support Fund to ensure support gets to households in the most need; particularly those who may not be eligible for the other support government has recently made available. The funding must be distributed by March 2023 which does not allow sufficient time for procurement so the approach will ensure funds get to communities via partners with whom we already have distribution relationships (mainly via the HAF work) and who collectively cover a broad area of the city and demographic, as well as being well placed to make sure funds go to those who need them the most. The County Council has been involved in the planning for this process. The rationale for distributing through VCSE organisations is that they have the local knowledge, connections and relationships with residents, schools and other community groups to distribute across the City reducing any barriers to accessing support whether that's due to digital poverty, pride or language barriers and through making those connections locally a relationship can be established, and connections made for people in their local community.			
Alternative options considered: There is no alternative available at this time due to the expediency required to deliver support to the community. Other options would not meet the time restrictions.			
Representations received: None			
Other relevant matters concerning the decision: None			

People Impact Assessment (PIA):

Screening Stage completed: Yes
Full PIA required, completed and attached No

Conflicts of interest (including any dispensations granted):

None

Officer/s consulted:

One Legal, Community Wellbeing Manager, Director of Communities, Director of Policy and Resources, Policy and Governance Manager, Cabinet Member Communities and Neighbourhoods, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Background documents:

DWP HAF Guidance Document

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/household-support-fund-guidance-for-local-councils/household-support-fund-final-guidance-for-county-councils-and-unitary-authorities-in-england>

Confidential or Exempt Information: No

Name of document(s) which are confidential or exempt : None

Scrutiny (including details of call-in procedure where applicable):

This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.

This decision is urgent and not subject to call-in and has been discussed with Cllr Sebastian Field, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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 2012 and is a true and accurate record of that decision:

Decision Maker:

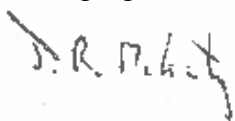
Councillor Raymond Padilla
Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods

Date: 07 December 2022

**Proper Officer:**

Jon McGinty
Managing Director

Date: 07 December 2022



CALL-IN PROCEDURE

Call-in should only be used in exceptional circumstances, such as where Members have evidence which suggests that the Cabinet Member did not take the decision in accordance with the principles set out in Article 13 (Decision Making) of the Council's Constitution.

Call-in of a decision must be requested within five working days of the publication of an executive decision. The request must be communicated in writing to a Corporate Directors by at least five Members of the Council.

Implementation of a decision that has been called-in is suspended until such time as it has been considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and re-considered by the Cabinet in light of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's conclusions and any recommendations.

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