

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

This is a record of a decision taken by an officers under delegated powers and where necessary taken in consultation with members and officers.

Financial Support for west Norfolk Food Banks

Delegated Power

Specify the particular delegated power being exercised by reference to the Delegation Scheme or Cabinet minute and date.

Council Constitution, Part 3 Responsibilities for Council Functions, Section 2 Functions Delegated to Cabinet Members and Officers - Scheme of Delegation, functions:

7.12 Health improvement and promotion including public health and community care and LILY
The Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for People and Communities: day to day management

Decision Taken

Specify precise details of the decision taken

A range of global and national factors, including coming out of the pandemic and the war in Ukraine has resulted in volatility and significant rises in individual prices, inflation and the cost of living.

The rising cost of living will have an impact on the poorest households in our communities as they have to spend far more of their household budgets on utilities. We anticipate that the demand on the food banks in west Norfolk will increase, particularly as we move into the autumn and winter months and the pressure on household budgets increases from the need to spend a higher proportion of their limited income on heat and light.

The Borough Council will allocate a ringfenced sum of £15,000 to support west Norfolk food banks. This funding to be drawn down on request of the food banks to purchase food supplies. £10,000 of the funding to be allocated to the King's Lynn food bank and £5,000 for Hunstanton and Downham Market food banks.

The funding can be met from the uncommitted balance on the financial assistance reserve.

Reasons for the Decision

Specify all reasons for taking the decision

In view of the cost of living increases and anticipated demand on west Norfolk food banks this decision makes provision for financial support for west Norfolk food banks to draw down to purchase food supplies.

Options considered

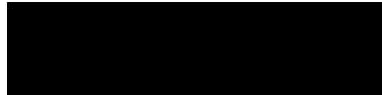
Any declarations of interest and details of any dispensations granted in respect of interests.

List of Background papers

Authorisation

Post Held Chief Executive

Signature



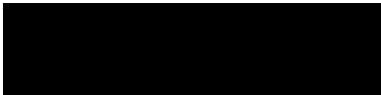
Date **18 May 2022**

Consultation with members/officers

If the decision is taken following consultation with the members/officers, please give details:

Signed by Member as consulted:

Cllr Sandell



Date

Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Borough Council of
**King's Lynn &
West Norfolk**



Name of policy/service/function		Support for west Norfolk Food Banks				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?		New				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations		In view of the cost of living increases and anticipated demand on west Norfolk food banks this decision makes provision for financial support for west Norfolk food banks to draw down to purchase food supplies.				
Question		Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>			Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
		Age			x	
		Disability			x	
		Gender			x	
		Gender Re-assignment			x	
		Marriage/civil partnership			x	
		Pregnancy & maternity			x	
		Race			x	
		Religion or belief			x	
		Sexual orientation			x	
Other (eg low income)	x					
Question		Answer		Comments		
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?		No				
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?		No				
4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?		No		Poorest households who need to access the food bank		
5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section		Yes		<p>Actions: Public support locally for food banks</p> <p>Actions agreed by EWG member: Name ...Becky Box.....</p>		
Assessment completed by: Name		Lorraine Gore				
Job title Chief Executive		Date 18 May 2022				
<p>Please Note: If there are any positive or negative impacts identified in question 1, or there any 'yes' responses to questions 2 – 4 a full impact assessment will be required.</p>						