

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
<b>Date of Decision</b>	1 November 2022
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Hannah Perrott
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	To approve the allocation of the latest Household Support Fund (HSF) allocation.
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>Following the draft guidance publication in mid September and confirmation of HSF 3 budget and guidance on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, the following proposals have been developed through workshops with District Council leads and the key local delivery partners e.g. Citizens Advice, Age UK's and Act on Energy.</p> <p>The new guidance removes ringfences for dedicated cohorts, but widens the scope in terms resident groups to targeted resource towards and gives a higher prominence to energy and the types of support provided. Full guidance has now been issued and circulated to the district council lead officers.</p> <p><b>Proposed Allocations:</b> <b>Grant confirmed: £3,949,139.19</b></p> <p><b>Food - £1,550,000</b> Holiday food vouchers for free school meals recipients. All holidays to be covered in this HSF period including Easter 2023, plus a small grant pot for foodbanks to be established.</p> <p><b>Energy - £1,054,000</b> Extend Act on Energy scheme, home visits and minor measures through Age UK's in the county, small grant to warm spaces, emergency fund for those on alternative fuel sources, develop energy voucher pilot through primary care.</p> <p><b>Food/Energy - £359,500</b> Extend pensioner post office voucher scheme, including carers, disability - £75 - £225 payment depending on number of criteria met. Care leavers winter payment £75. Shared lives carers £75 one off payment.</p> <p><b>District council funding - £899,139.18</b></p>

	<p>Plans submitted to WCC. Range of activity including Citizens Advice, food support, social welfare schemes etc.</p> <p><b>Admin / contingency £86,500.01</b> Costs towards creating dedicated staff support and contingency.</p> <p><b>Total - £3,949,139.19</b></p> <p>District council allocations to be based on a formula using Council Tax hardship calculations:</p> <table data-bbox="576 600 954 808"> <tr> <td>Bromsgrove</td> <td>£100,344</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Malvern Hills</td> <td>£89,105</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Redditch</td> <td>£146,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Worcester</td> <td>£189,089</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wychavon</td> <td>£167,060</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wyre Forest</td> <td>£207,324</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>£899,139</b></td> </tr> </table>	Bromsgrove	£100,344	Malvern Hills	£89,105	Redditch	£146,200	Worcester	£189,089	Wychavon	£167,060	Wyre Forest	£207,324	<b>Total</b>	<b>£899,139</b>
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<p><b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b></p>	<p>See Cabinet Papers including Cabinet Member Decision from July 2022</p>														
<p><b>Joint Equality, Public Health, Data Protection and Sustainability Impact Assessments carried out</b></p>															
<p><b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>														
<p><b>Reference</b></p>	<p>For use by Democratic Services only</p>														