

**REPORT OF**      **Head of Legal & Governance (and Monitoring Officer)**

**To:**                **Community and Resources Committee**

**Subject:**        **Urgency Procedure Report**

**Date:**            **16<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Reference:**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**For Members to note the urgent decisions recently taken under the Council’s Urgency Procedure**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The Household Support Fund 4 ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The DWP announced a further round of funding to be allocated to enable a further scheme to run The Household Support Fund 5. A total of £163,414.85 was awarded to TDC to pay out to residents suffering financial hardship for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**2. REPORT**

The scheme is designed to support those in financial hardship and to provide short-term support to households to assist with items such as food, energy bills, water bills, white goods and other essential household items. The fund can also be used to support housing costs in exceptional circumstances.

The decision was an urgent decision to enable the fund to continue and to follow on directly from the end of Household Support 4. Furthermore we didn’t receive confirmation in readiness to put on the April C and R agenda, therefore if the decision wasn’t undertaken under the urgency procedure it would have meant that the scheme would have been delayed until June 20234.

The Decision was as follows:

<b>Details of Urgent Matter</b>	<b>Reason for the Urgency</b>
Implementation of Household Support Fund 5	To continue the support of residents suffering financial hardship prior to the next C and R meeting

**3. IMPLICATIONS**

Legal Implications

This report complies with the Council’s Constitution

Financial Implications

Included in the report



Human Resources Implications

none.

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

none

Equality/Diversity

Decisions taken to support the vulnerable and to assist local business

Risk Management

n/a

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

Complies with the Council's constitution.

Data Protection (GDPR) Implications

Not applicable

Climate Change

Not applicable

Ward Member and Lead Member Views

The Leader, Cllr Ken James, The Chair of C and R, Cllr R Hicks, and Cllr Simon Newton, as Lead member were all consulted and approved the decision as confirmed with their signatures on the urgency procedure form.

The Chief Executive has also approved the decision

**4. CONCLUSIONS**

The decisions were taken under the Urgency Procedure as the Scheme had to be implemented before the next C and R Committee.

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

Councillors note the decisions taken under the Council's Urgency Procedure.

