

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual ~~Cabinet member~~/officer (delete as appropriate)

(All sections must be completed (mark "N/A" as applicable))

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Executive Head of Finance, in consultation with the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

To approve the distribution of the Council's Household Support Fund cash allocation from Hampshire County Council in the form of Food Vouchers to those specified.

As part of the government's package of support to help households with rising energy bills, funding has been given to Hampshire County council to allocate to all districts for the purchase and distribution of food vouchers. The expectation is that the grant is used to support those households most in need, particularly those families including children and pensioners.

The rationale behind the food voucher option is that the money spent on food can now be put towards the rising energy bills. In addition food vouchers are a relatively quick and easy way of getting support to these vulnerable households.

The funding is based on current caseload numbers and is a fixed amount.

People are eligible for a £30 food voucher if they are in receipt of Local Council Tax Support and if a person is also receiving Pension Credit Guarantee Credit, they are entitled to an additional food voucher for £65.

The vouchers are being procured in accordance with the Council's CSOs and advice from the Portsmouth council's procurement team.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

10 June 2022

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

N/A

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed _____ **DAVID STANLEY, EXECUTIVE HEAD OF FINANCE** _____
(Decision maker)

Signed _____ **CLLR PAUL TAYLOR** _____
(Cabinet member consultee where applicable)

Designation _____ **CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER** _____