

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects and Equalities
Date	25 April 2024
Present	Councillors Lomas
Officers in Attendance	David Walker - Head of Customer & Exchequer Services Susan Wood - Welfare Benefits and Strategic Partnership Manager

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## **21. Declarations of Interest (15:00)**

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that she might have had in respect of business on the agenda. None were declared.

## **22. Minutes (15:00)**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Sessions of the Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, and Equalities held on 19 March 2024 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

## **23. Public Participation (15:01)**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

## **24. Household Support Fund 5 (15:02)**

Officers introduced the report regarding the Household Support Fund 5 funding the Council was set to receive from government. It was confirmed that the funding is to provide crisis support to vulnerable households in most need. The funding received was in line with previous amounts received pro rata for 6 months and not a full year. It was confirmed that the funding was separate to Council's own York Financial Assistance Scheme (YFAS) funding and presented little financial risk to the Council.

The Executive Member noted her disappointment that the funding provided by central government was only for 6 months, but highlighted that the Council's own York Financial Assistance Scheme had been topped up with an additional £50 of funding. She approved the proposals within the report noting the importance of using the funding in the most efficient way possible.

Resolved:

- i. Approved the HSF5 scheme as set out at paragraph 12 – 17 within the report and in further detail within Annex B.

Reason: To help alleviate the ongoing cost of living pressures being experienced by financially vulnerable residents.

Cllr Lomas, Chair

[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 3.10 pm].