

DIRECTOR DECISION

Decision: To reduce the number of food and fuel vouchers provided under the councils Household Support Fund (HSF) scheme to one of each per qualifying family per annum from 1st April 2024.

Type of Decision: Director	Key	N	Non-Key	Y
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Portfolio Area that decision relates to:			
Leader (inc Hsing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finance & Performance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eco D & Community Eng	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culture, Leisure & Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Children & Y	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport and Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult, Social Care (in PH)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Implications: Crime & Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:
Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highways
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ITT	<input type="checkbox"/>	Property

Decision Date: 22/03/2024

Wards Affected: <i>The scheme was open to all wards</i>							
All Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fishergate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holgate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural West York	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acomb	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fulford & Heslington	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hull Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strensall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bishopthorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Guildhall	<input type="checkbox"/>	Huntington & New Earswick	<input type="checkbox"/>	Westfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clifton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Haxby & Wigginton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Micklegate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wheldrake	<input type="checkbox"/>
Copmanthorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heworth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Osbalwick & Derwent	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heworth Without	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rawcliffe & Clifton	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments/Observations:

The council has been providing a food & fuel voucher scheme under its Household Support Fund Scheme (HSF) through both the Government grant and council contribution since June of 2022. Across the 2023 calendar year the value of vouchers issued exceeded £270k. The HSF scheme is now coming to a close (October 2024) and the available funds are falling. This decision is to try and ensure vouchers remain for those families most in need of support through to March 2025.

Decision:

To reduce the number of vouchers per qualifying family from 3 of each per annum to 1 of each per annum. This does not affected access to other welfare support e.g. York Financial Assistance scheme (YFAS).

Decision Made by: Pauline Stuchfield
Contact Details:

On behalf of: Pauline Stuchfield, Director of Customer and Communities

To be implemented by: David Walker Head
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Exchequer
Services

On Completion – Signed off by:

Date: 22/03/2024



Pauline Stuchfield, Director
Director of Customer and Communities