

DIRECTOR DECISION

Decision: This decision is to limit the value of resettlement support paid through York financial Assistance Scheme (YFAS) to £500 per family (This includes single people), to cap the monthly spend through YFAS to £20,000 per month during the rest of the 2024/25 financial year and limit residents to one YFAS claim per annum instead of two.

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

Decision Date:

Wards Affected: <i>The scheme was open to all wards</i>							
All Wards	X	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:

York's financial assistance scheme (YFAS) is provided by City of York Council to support people who require urgent assistance, following an emergency or unforeseen event, and supports vulnerable adults to move into or remain in the community.

The demand on the fund (£250K) in 2024/25 is high as the cost-of-living increases continue effect part of our community. To ensure the council can provide funding through to 31st March 2025 the financial level of support is being reduced through both a monthly cap on spend (£20,000) and a reduction in the level of resettlement grants (£1.5k to £500). Residents will also only be able to claim once in a 12-month period instead of twice. The council will continue to signpost residents to other agencies in the city who can help.

Decision:

To approve the reduction in YFAS financial support as set out in this decision report.

Decision Made by: Pauline Stuchfield

Contact Details:

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

To be implemented by: David Walker Head
of Customer &
Exchequer
Services

On Completion – Signed off by:

Date:



Pauline Stuchfield, Director

Director of Customer and Communities