

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## Removal from Call-in Process ("fast track") Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17

**Subject:** Household Support Fund Grant – Food Vouchers October 2021

**Decision Maker:** Cllr Terry Fox

**Date of Decision:** XXX

### **Decision to be removed from Call-in process:-**

Leader of the Council:

1. Accepts Household Support Fund grand funding of £5.2m.
2. Approves spend of £442.5k for the purpose of providing free school meal vouchers to those eligible for free school meals, as detailed within this report.
3. Notes that SCC need to produce a delivery plan to be submitted to DWP on how we plan to spend the HSF by 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
4. Delegates authority to the Executive Director of People Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Commercial Services and the Director of Legal and Governance to implement the delivery plan and take such decisions necessary to meet the aims, objectives of the plan and this report which are not already covered by existing delegations in the Leaders Scheme of Delegation.

### **Reasons for Urgency**


The Government announced a new Household Support Fund (HSF) grant on 6 October 2021. Sheffield has been allocated a sum of £5.2m.

At least 50% of the total funding must be spent on families with children - the expectation is that the HSF should primarily be used to support households in the most need with food, energy and water bills.

We need to produce a delivery plan and submit to DWP on how we plan to spend the HSF and this needs to be completed and submitted by 29th October.

While the planning for broader delivery has started, we need urgent approval this week to purchase and issue food vouchers to schools/early years eligible cohorts for the upcoming October half-term holidays.

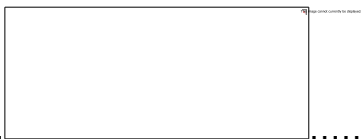
We certify that the above item of business is urgent and that its delay for scrutiny would consequently significantly prejudice the interests of the Council or a third party. (To be signed by an Executive Director and 2 Statutory Officers)



Signed .....Date ...12.10.21.....

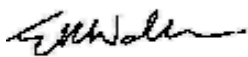
**Executive Director of People Portfolio**

Plus any two of the following Statutory Officers:-



Signed ..... Date 12/10/21

**Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive)**



Signed ..... Date .....12.10.21.....

**Chief Finance Officer (Executive Director, Resources)**

Signed ..... Date .....

**Monitoring Officer (Director of Legal & Governance)**

**Consultation with the appropriate Executive Member / Chair of the Co-operative Executive**

I confirm that I have been consulted about and support the removal of this item of business from the call-in process.



Signed ..... Date ...15/10/21.....

Executive Member for .....Leader.....

**Lead Officer to Complete**

As Lead Officer (LO), I confirm that I have notified the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee\* detailed below, that the decision is urgent and they are aware that the decision is being removed from the call-in process.

Scrutiny Chair: Cllr Mick Rooney

Scrutiny Committee: Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

LO Signature ..... Date .....

Print Name: **Mark Sheikh**

Position: Head of Service, Children, Young People and Families Service

\*In the absence of the Scrutiny Chair, the Lord Mayor / or Deputy Lord Mayor should be notified and recorded above.