

## Eco Impact Checklist

<b>Title of report: Household Support Fund (October 2022 – March 2023)</b>				
<b>Report author: Matt Kendall</b>				
<b>Anticipated date of key decision</b>				
<b>Summary of proposals:</b>				
<p>In May 2022, the Chancellor announced that there will be a third round of the Household Support Fund to cover the period from October 2022 to March 2023, with a further £500 million being released to councils, to support those most in need with the cost of food, energy and water bills, phone, broadband and clothing and in exceptional cases, housing costs. This is for the period of October 2022 to March 2023 and funding has been confirmed at £4,039,965.</p>				
<p>Eligibility criteria are contained in 3.2 of the policy in appendix A of the Cabinet papers, but the main difference associated with this round is that the grant is no longer ringfenced to any particular cohort of people. Any grant should predominately be used to assist households with the costs of; food, gas/electricity, water, phone/broadband, essential household items (e.g. white goods, beds/beddings, clothing, baby/sanitary products) and housing costs (in exceptional circumstance).</p>				
<p>Details regarding how any fund may be implemented are contained within 3.3 of the policy in appendix A as well as proposed/agreed spend under section 4.</p>				
<p>Due to lack of notice given by government and the impending October half term holidays, the Council has already used a proportion of the new estimated £4m grant, to assist 22,000 Free School Meal/Pupil Premium children during the half term period, by awarding a £15 voucher in respect of each child. The spend accounts for £331k of this estimated allocation for this week. This commitment is in line with previous support provided to these children for most school holidays since October 2020, by Bristol City Council.</p>				
<b>Will the proposal impact on...</b>	Yes/ No	+ive or -ive	If Yes...	
			Briefly describe impact	Briefly describe Mitigation measures
Emission of Climate Changing Gases?	No			
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	No			
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	No			
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	No			
The appearance of the city?	No			
Pollution to land, water, or air?	No			
Wildlife and habitats?	No			
<b>Consulted with: N/A</b>				

<b>Summary of impacts and Mitigation - <u>to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report</u></b>	
None expected	
Checklist completed by:	
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