

## Eco Impact Checklist

<b>Title of report: Household Support Fund (April 2023 – March 2024)</b>				
<b>Report author: Matt Kendall</b>				
<b>Anticipated date of key decision</b>				
<b>Summary of proposals:</b>				
<p>Following the Chancellor’s Autumn Budget Statement, it was announced that there will be a fourth round of the Household Support Fund to cover the period from April 2023 to March 2024, with a further £1 billion (£842m for England) 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 funding is for a whole year as opposed to previous versions which have been for six months only. Funding has been confirmed at £8,079,930.</p> <p>The eligibility criteria are contained in 3.2 of the policy in appendix A but the main areas/changes are as below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• No percentage spend was to be linked to households with children and/or pensioners.</li> <li>• For the first time, the fund can be used to provide supplementary advice services to award recipients, including debt and benefit advice, but should not be the primary function.</li> <li>• Part of the fund must also include an application-based support delivered through the scheme is clearly advertised to residents.</li> </ul> <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, but for 2023/24 has an increased focus on those households with disabilities.</p>				
Will the proposal impact on...	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:</b> N/A	
<b>Summary of impacts and Mitigation - to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report</b>	
None expected	
Checklist completed by:	
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Verified by Environmental Performance Team	There are no environmental impacts linked to this proposal, a full Eco IA is not required. Nicola Hares – Environmental Project Manager – 28/02/2023