

Haringey Council

Household Support Fund Scheme Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 This document sets out Haringey Council's ('the Council's') approach to supporting people through the additional funding from the Department for Work and Pension's Household Support Fund.

1.2 The Household Support Fund 1: October 2021 will enable Haringey to provide support to families with children from October 2021 and covers the period until 31st March. This includes the October half term holiday.

1.3 Local authorities are permitted to allocate funding to support vulnerable households within the scope of:

- At least 50% of the total funding will be ring-fenced to support families with children, with up to 50% of the total funding to other types of households, including individuals

2. Objectives of this Policy

2.1 To provide support to vulnerable households recognising the profile and specific needs of residents in Haringey, in particular those who have been most adversely impacted by the Covid 19 Pandemic and the economic consequences.

2.2 To support households and prevent household needs from escalating into crisis.

2.4 To support households with dignity and without stigma enabling residents to be as independent as possible and treated with dignity at all times

3. Household Support Fund Spend:

3.1 The maximum additional spend from the Covid Winter Grant is ££2,406,671.72. Outlined below is the maximum allocation for the Household Support Fund 1: October 2021. This initial decision focuses on the provision of Free School Meals (FSM) to include the October 2021 half term. A second decision will consider the remainder of the funding. These maximum allocations allow for the Assistant Director of Commissioning to delegate funding within the maximum allocations according to emerging need.

All support will be available to households with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) in line with government guidance.

- Provision of food support for households eligible for Free School Meals up to a maximum spend of £1, 000,000

3.1.1 Free School Meals (FSM) Holiday Provision

Provision of vouchers to households eligible for FSM. Support to the food element of the borough's 'Holiday Activity Fund' which targets food and enrichment support at FSM eligible households.

4. Policy implementation and review

4.1 This Policy will be applied from 18th October 2021 until 31st March 2022.

4.2 In applying the Policy, the Council will have regard to relevant implementation guidance as issued.