



Reference: FOI4445

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

1. How much has the council received through the Household Support Fund?

We have been allocated £1,609,000.00.

2. How much of the money allocated to the council through the Household Support Fund has been distributed to claimants?

We have spent £218,657.21 of the fund.

3. How many people who applied for support through the Household Support Fund were in receipt of Local Housing Allowance and Universal Credit?

Information not held. This data is not required by DWP so it is not captured.

4. How many people who received support through the Household Support Fund were in receipt of Local Housing Allowance and Universal Credit?

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5. How many people who applied for support through the Household Support Fund were living under the no recourse to public funds condition?

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6. How many people who received support through the Household Support Fund were living under the no recourse to public funds condition?

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7. What reasons did claimants give for request support through the Household Support Fund? Please break this information down into a table format.

Benefit stopped.

UC reduced.

Unexpected bill.

Not budgeted correctly.

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£20 Universal Credit reduction.

Awaiting first benefit payment.

Benefit not in full payment.

Covid isolation costs.

Fleeing Domestic Abuse.

Lost/stolen money.

Rent arrears.

Utility arrears.

8. How does the council plan to spend the Household Support Fund?

Households where there are children who are in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a supermarket voucher for all school holidays. Through our Fuel Poverty Programme, we will support residents with boiler repairs and replacements for those eligible through our Welfare Provision team all request for costs will be considered where the customer is vulnerable and the costs required meets the guidance. We are supporting the community and voluntary organisations who give direct support to their network of households, this will be fuel vouchers, white goods and food parcels/vouchers.

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