

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	28 th January 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To agree the DFC Emergency Support Funding to tackle fuel poverty in partnership with schools.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>An update paper was requested at the Development Committee on the Emergency Support Funding to take account of provision of fuel support to both post primary and primary schools.</p> <p>DFC has confirmed the following update funding in a letter of offer to Council:</p> <p>Tranche III funding is now £134,105 not the original £150,000 as provisionally stated, this is due to final allocations as set per DFC budget.</p> <p>Warm, Well and Connected budget remains at £24,092 as previously noted to be included with Tranche III for allocation.</p> <p>Volunteer budget remains at £28,533, as previously noted.</p> <p>DFC has confirmed that all its emergency funding has been allocated to date as per their available budget.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Emergency Support</p> <p>Tranche III £134,105 (not £150,000) and Well Warm and connected £24,092</p> <p>It is proposed to allocate Tranche III and Warm Well and Connected, and the volunteer fund as follows:</p>

1. Counselling as per Development report January 2020 and allocation as agreed – this was £33,000 – this is now to be pro-rata at 90% of original award as per DFC Letter of Offer – expenditure now £29,700
2. Foodbank Support as per Development report January 2020 and allocation as agreed - this was £42,500 – this is now to be pro – rata at 90% of original award as per DFC letter of offer – expenditure now £39,755.
3. Fuel Stamps support funding budget is now £112,650 – as per the pro rata award (£88,650 and WWC £24,000), please see proposal below to include comments from members regarding the provision for primary schools.

Proposal

Post Primary & Primary School Fuel support

Fuel stamps to be allocated in partnership with schools to young people on FSMs. One allocation of stamps (£40 in value) per family in school. In discussions with schools, this is estimated at 60% of total school numbers.

Post Primary

3200 FSMs (as of 2018-19 most up to date formal statistic of EA)

Value of vouchers £40.00

Total number vouchers/families supported 1920 (60% of 3200)

Budget required £76,800

Primary School Fuel Support Project

3468 FSMs

Value of voucher £40.00

Total number of vouchers and families supported 2080 (60% of 3468)

Budget required £83,200

Total budget £160,000 – To propose to offset the allocation of PPE as per previous £28,533, as there is funding grants open at the moment to support groups actively working on the ground with such items.

Deficit £18,817 (to seek to get within budget savings and continued liaison with DFC)

Note for members: all consultation with those working in the poverty sector would state this level of funding of £40 would be a minimum allocation per household to have an impact on accessing fuel (generally a minimum oil fill of £100).

Note for members: All approvals for emergency funding are based on proposals to DFC and their final approval.

Note for members It has been confirmed that CWSAN allocation of Community Well Warm Programme is currently being progressed - warm home packs have been allocated, and the remainder to be focused on the wellbeing and connection with community groups.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Emergency Support Funding – Tranche III £134,105 & Warm, and Well, Warm, Connected £24,092, volunteer fund £28,533.</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u> None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u> None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To consider and agree the DFC Emergency Support Funding to tackle fuel poverty.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None