

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Agreement of Cost of Living Support Spend in 2024-2026

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Jon Ritchie

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

4. Executive summary (To be taken from written report)

This report seeks the approval of the Director of Resources to the distribution of the Household Support Fund and the criteria to be applied when considering claims for residents for a payment from the Household Support Fund grant for 2024/25 and 2025/26 and the use Authority's Poverty Intervention Fund.

5. Alternative Options considered

6. Decision(s)

Option 1

To agree the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of this report; or

Option 2

No agree the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of this report

Option 1 is the recommended option.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

- 1) There is a very comprehensive approach to supporting people with the impacts of living on low income, and the difficulties that brings. This recommended approach to using the Household Support Fund combined with use of the PIF further strengthens our support to vulnerable residents of the borough, and provides wide reaching support aimed at delivering good outcomes.
- 2) The recommended proposal ensures that this grant will reduce the financial impact on local budgets, whilst meeting all grant conditions, and the wider plans to support residents who need it.
- 3) The recommended approach aligns to the Our North Tyneside Plan, Equally Well Strategy and the Poverty Intervention aims.

8. Date decision made

20.12.2024

To be completed by Democratic Services

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

5pm on 31 January 2024

10. Date of Publication

20 December 2024

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5pm on 31 January 2024