

NOTICE

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (the '2012 Regulations')

This is formal notice pursuant to Regulation 11 of the 2012 Regulations that a decision on the following matter will be made by officers:-

ALLOCATION OF THE HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOOD VOUCHERS FOR THE OCTOBER HALF TERM, CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND FEBRUARY 2022 HALF TERM

Reasons

The decision relates to the DWP Household Support Fund (HSF) 6 October 2021 – 31 March 2022. The DWP has released information on the Household Support Fund (HSF) which is aimed at supporting those most in need this winter during the final stages of economic recovery. Nationally this fund totals £500m with Hertfordshire set to receive £6,172,064.84. This is a new scheme and replaces the Covid Local Support Grant. The primary purpose is to provide support for food to vulnerable people over the winter period, with energy, water and related essential costs also supported as appropriate. A minimum of 50% of the funding must be used for families with children under 19 years of age. It is proposed to use this funding to provide Free School Meals in the October half term, Christmas holidays and February half term, and to distribute food vouchers through ACS and CS teams who work with vulnerable people. The district councils and Herts Help will be allocated funding to provide local crisis support.

As such, the decision on this matter must be taken by such a date that it is impracticable to comply with Regulation 10 of the 2012 Regulations.

In accordance with the Regulations and the County Council's Constitution, the consent of the Chairman of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been obtained and the relevant Opposition Spokesmen have been consulted on the matter about which the decision is to be made.

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13 OCTOBER 2021