

Senior Officer Decision**Consultative meeting:** Cabinet**Consultative meeting date:** 5 January 2022**Exempt from publication**

No

Title: Discretionary Fund to support financial vulnerability**Links to consultative meeting(s):**<https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=136>**Recommendation:****Senior officers approve:**

- 1.the use £109,680 funding available to support ongoing work of the financial resilience officers until August 2024.
2. the use £151,878 funding available for the Council's Hardship Scheme so that we can continue to provide emergency support with essentials beyond 31 March 2022 (see section 3.4).
3. that a further report be brought in November to update members on a review of the different discretionary funds, in order to take proactive measures that help inform future decisions.

Authority

Decision of Council on 26th July 2021 to delegate decision making to officers until 23.59 17th January 2022 ([Minutes 26th July 2021 Council Meeting](#)). Senior Officer Decision of 10th December to extend the arrangements until 23.59 on 10th May 2022 ([Senior Officer Decision Record 10th December 2021](#)). Senior Officer Decision of 4th May 2022 to extend the arrangements until 23.59 on 31st October 2022 ([Senior Officer Decision Record 4th May 2021](#)).

Officer Decision

Consultations:

I was present at / have watched the recording of the consultative meeting which considered this item

Yes No

Detail any other consultations carried out:

Provide details otherwise state 'N/A'

Other considerations:

Do the legal and finance comments and equalities impact, climate change and risk assessments as detailed in the officer report remain the same.

Yes No

If no, provide the updated assessment below;

Legal Implications

A member of the legal team must provide comments.

Financial Implications

A member of the finance team must provide comments.

Equalities impact Low Impact

If choosing High or Medium level outline the equality considerations here, which should include any particular adverse impact on people with protected characteristics and actions to mitigate these. Link to an equalities impact assessment form using the [equalities form template](#).

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk; [Click here](#) to enter text on risk considerations relating to your report.

Decision:

Please state your decision.

To implement the recommendations as outlined above.

Reasons for decision:

To reflect the decision of the Cabinet consultative meeting to the three recommendations as there is no reason to depart from these.

Signed



Dated 18 May 2022

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