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## CABINET

11 NOVEMBER 2021

### **382. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Managing Director declared no interests.

### **383. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND**

The Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues, submitted a report to approve receipt and expenditure of £195,000 grant funding from East Sussex County Council (ESCC) under the Department for Work and Pension's Household Support Fund, for administration by the Council.

Under the emergency powers set out in Rule 26.22 of the Council's Constitution the Managing Director made the following decision in consultation with Councillors Forward, Barnett, Batsford, Chowney, Rogers and Patmore.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. The Council's Managing Director in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader, the lead member for Financial Management and Estates and other appropriate Councillors (as required by the emergency powers) approve the decision to receive and administer the grant award of £195,000 paid to Hastings Borough Council under the Household Support Fund. This decision is being taken by the Managing Director pursuant to her urgency powers exercisable to enable the Council to act quickly in administering the provision of financial support to qualifying vulnerable households in the Borough;**
- 2. To administer payments to residents who qualify in accordance with the scheme's eligibility criteria; and**
- 3. To commend Hastings Borough Council staff for their proactive response to ESCC's call for assistance.**

#### **Reasons:**

- 1. To enable the Council to act quickly in the administration and distribution of the Household Support Grant to qualifying vulnerable households in the Borough as the country recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic.**

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# Minute Annex

## Managing Director Decision Record



**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Item:** Household Support Fund

**Report by:** Peter Grace, Chief Finance Officer

**Decision Type:** Cabinet

**Decision:**

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**Reasons:**

1. To enable the Council to act quickly in the administration and distribution of the Household Support Grant to qualifying vulnerable households in the Borough as the country recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic.



**As required by Rule 26.22 of the Council's Constitution this decision was made in consultation with:**

| Cabinet             | For | Against | Abstain |
|---------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Councillor Forward  | x   |         |         |
| Councillor Barnett  | x   |         |         |
| Councillor Batsford | x   |         |         |
| Councillor Chowney  | x   |         |         |
| Councillor Evans    |     |         |         |
| Councillor Rogers   | x   |         |         |
| Councillor Webb     |     |         |         |
| Opposition          |     |         |         |
| Councillor Patmore  | x   |         |         |
| Councillor Rankin   |     |         |         |

Signed



Jane Hartnell  
Managing Director  
Hastings Borough Council