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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request ID: FOI379386993

Thank you for your request for information relating to Household Support Fund.

You have requested the following information:

1. How much has the council received through the Household Support Fund?

The council has received a total sum of £3,224,222.30 through the Household Support Fund.

2. How much of the money allocated to the council through the Household Support Fund has been distributed to claimants?

£215,344.85 of the total sum of money received, has been distributed to claimants

3. How many people who applied for support through the Household Support Fund were in receipt of Local Housing Allowance and Universal Credit?

4. How many people who received support through the Household Support Fund were in receipt of Local Housing Allowance and Universal Credit?

5. How many people who applied for support through the Household Support Fund were living under the no recourse to public funds condition?

6. How many people who received support through the Household Support Fund were living under the no recourse to public funds condition?

In response to Questions 3, 4, 5 and 6, the provision of support is not reliant upon the benefit

that people receive and therefore we do not capture this information.

7. What reasons did claimants give for request support through the Household Support Fund? Please break this information down into a table format.

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The information requested is not held in a reportable format and it would therefore require a manual trawl through all of the records in order to locate, retrieve and compile the information. Your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

8. How does the council plan to spend the Household Support Fund?

It has been confirmed that the money will be going towards:

- Food
- Fuel such as gas and electricity
- Water or sewerage costs
- Essential household items (i.e. fridges/ovens etc.)
- Essential clothing and blankets
- Housing costs

The above has been administered within the detailed criteria set out by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

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Yours faithfully

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