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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI413308690**

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

You have requested the following information:

**1. Please provide a copy of the council's Household Support Fund policy for the funding distributed to councils in October 2021. The policy should outline how the council was going to disburse the funding and by what criteria**

Please note that there is no Household Support Fund Policy. We consider each request on an individual basis to ensure each person receives the right support. The funding has been disbursed as follows:

Food support: £2,010,814.

Providing vulnerable school and early years pupils with food during the school holidays, food parcels provided to residents through the City's food network

Energy and Water support: £825,034

Providing support vulnerable residents through issue of vouchers

Essentials linked to energy and water: £69,468 (for example white goods)

Wider household essentials: £162,566

Clothing, bedding etc to individuals that applied for council's support.

**2. What was the value of the parts of the Household Support Fund provided to the council in October 2021 (or thereabouts) that the council made available to individual applicants (not referrals from third party organisations)?**

The determination from Central Government for Coventry for the Household Support Fund 2021 was £3.2M. We did not split the allocation into separate pots for applicants or third parties.

**3. Of the figure in question 2, how much did the council eventually provide to applicants?**

£3,067,883.66. This includes not only direct applications via the Community Support route but all support provided to residents including referrals from third parties.

**4. If the council fully spent the figure in question 2, on what date(s) was this part(s) of the fund closed to new applicants?**

Applications for support could be taken right up to the end of the scheme, 31st March 2021.

**5. How many applicants received funding under the parts of the Household Support Fund referred to in question 2?**

The total volume of all awards reported to DWP for all categories referred to in Question 1 was 106,585.

**6. How many applications for funding under the parts of the Household Support Fund referred to in question 2 were rejected? Please provide any data the council holds on reasons for rejection**

**7. What was the value of the parts of the Household Support Fund provided to the council in October 2021 (or thereabouts) that the council made available to referrals from council services or third party organisations, e.g. charities?**

**8. How many referrals received funding under the parts of the Household Support Fund referred to in question 7?**

**9. How many referrals for funding under the parts of the Household Support Fund referred to in question 7 were rejected?**

For Questions 6 to 9, we confirm that we do not record this information and therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Due to the way in which the scheme was set up, this information is not recorded.

**10. Please provide a copy of the council's Household Support Fund policy for the funding that is to be distributed to councils for April-September 2022. The policy should outline how the council will disburse the funding and by what criteria**

As the fund was announced after the 1st of April 2022, a formal policy for the HSF for April to September is yet to be finalised. The policy will need to be approved at Council. In the interim, we are continuing to support residents that request discretionary support through our application process.

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Yours faithfully

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