

POLICY & RESOURCES (RECOVERY) SUB-COMMITTEE

ADDENDUM 1

4.00PM, THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2021

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

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LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

Response and Recovery Update: Food

That the deletions are made as shown in strikethrough below, and that additions are made as shown in ***bold italics*** below.

RECOMMENDATIONS:-

2.1 That the members of the committee note the work happening around the city to provide residents with food and put on record their thanks to all the volunteers and the staff involved.

2.2 That the Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee agrees that as a city Brighton and Hove should continue to take a vouchers/cash first approach supported by food/essential items provision.

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2.4 That the Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee consider Emergency Food needs in future budget setting decisions to prioritise and redirect funding to the 'Food Cell' approach. This will develop the mechanism to underpin recovery, renewal and will lead to long-term resilience.

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2.5.1 That the annual cost of £3,400 for parking dispensations and staff time to administer the scheme be incorporated in the 2022/23 General Fund Revenue Budget including through the use of one-off resources if necessary.

2.5.2 That the underwriting of a 3-year lease and associated staff to coordinate premises to provide storage and processing space for emergency food (as described in paragraph 3.21 – 3.23) at an annual cost of £65,142 be incorporated in the 2022/23 General Fund Revenue Budget including through the use of one-off resources if necessary.

2.5.3 That options for addressing the remaining funding shortfalls in 2022/23, laid out in the table 3.51, of £233,399 are kept under review as the strategy developments and, if necessary, consideration is given to making allocations to address the shortfall if one-off resources or grant funding become available in 2022/23.

2.5.4 That options for addressing the potential £24,582 funding shortfall for the purchase of food for this Winter 2021/22 are kept under review and allocations from existing resources and/or grants made subject to availability.

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staff capacity and reporting back to the appropriate committee.

2.8 That the Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee instructs officers to undertake further work to explore ~~commissioning a city-wide delivered community meals service for residents who cannot afford to pay for existing providers, to understand need and likely financial implications and report back to the appropriate committee~~ **the need for financial help with meals, including reviewing the provision and cost of community meals, potentially as part of direct payment arrangements, and report back to the Adult Social Care Sub Committee.**

Proposed by: Cllr Appich

Seconded by: Cllr Allcock

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Household Support Fund

That the deletions are made as shown in strikethrough below, and that additions are made as shown in ***bold italics*** below.

RECOMMENDATIONS:-

2.1 That the committee approves the allocation of £2.14m funding as **follows**:~~outlined in the table at 3.8.~~

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£ 50,000 Schools

£ 60,000 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

£ 10,000 HAF admin and staffing

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£ 274,000 Local Discretionary Social Fund (LDSF)

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- COMF;
- any unfunded costs referred to in this report and the report on Food (Item

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