

# Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

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## Household Support Fund

A decision on how to use funding provided by the Department for Work and Pensions to help vulnerable households this winter.

The Cabinet Member agrees that the grant funding will be allocated as follows.

**£320,000** to continue the Free School Meal voucher scheme for the October, Christmas, and February half term periods in 2021/22.

**£100,000** will be provided to Citizens Advice Bath and North East Somerset to fund the Fuel Voucher Scheme

**£547,000** will be allocated to provide support to vulnerable residents with energy costs through issuing prepaid debit cards and associated administrative costs.

## Reasons for the decision:

The cost of energy has risen sharply over the last year due to worldwide energy supply issues. Whilst there is good provision for support with food and housing costs for B&NES residents, support for help with energy is less available. The council should therefore focus on this area of need.

**Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Resources

**Decision status:** **Approved**

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