

Single Member Cabinet Decision**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E3356****Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Tom Davies, Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Council House Building.
The Issue	The Introduction of a scheme for discretionary awards to supplement the council's Main Energy Rebate Scheme, primarily for residents who do not qualify for the Main scheme but still need help with energy bills.
Decision Date	28 th July 2022
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees to introduce the Energy Rebate Discretionary scheme as set out in the document Energy Rebate Discretionary Fund Policy.
Rationale for decision	The funding provided by the Government for the Discretionary Scheme is insufficient to be able to award all residents with a rebate. The council will therefore prioritise low-income households and households where a person receives certain disability benefits, who do not qualify for the Main energy rebate scheme.
Financial and budget implications	Staffing costs for administering the scheme are estimated as £11,600. This will be met through new burdens funding provided by DLUHC. Use of existing council infrastructure including the Benefits team telephone line will allow for customer contact without additional set up costs. IT related costs will be absorbed through existing resources.
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Human Resources; Equality; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations.
Consultation undertaken	Staff; Other B&NES Services; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	By email
Other options considered	None
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the	None

decision:	
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Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Cllr Tom Davies
Date of Signature	28/07/2022
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	