

**Officer Decision**  
**Taken under the Scheme of Delegation**

This decision has been taken in accordance with the county council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as set out in section 9 of the [Constitution](#).

<b>Decision taken on behalf of the:</b>	Director of Public Health
<b>Officer taking the decision:</b>	Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health & Wellbeing sakthi.karunanithi@lancashire .gov.uk
<b>Service Area:</b>	Public Health, Wellbeing and Communities

**Key Details**

<b>HSF 6 Decision</b>	
<b>Decision Date:</b>	27 November 2024
<b>Part I or Part II:</b>	Part I
<b>Reason for Part II: (if applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Divisions Affected:</b>	(All Divisions);

**The Decision**

<b>Background</b>		
Award of funding - national Household Support Fund 6 (1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025).		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Is this a decision made under a specific delegation from Full Council, Cabinet or another committee?</b>  The Cabinet meeting of 11 April 2024 resolved (inter alia): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Director of Public Health, Wellbeing and Communities be authorised, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, HR and Property (Deputy Leader), to approve the final detail of the scheme, and any subsequent Household Support Fund schemes in line with the principles set out and relevant government guidance</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If so, does this discharge the delegation in full?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Did the delegation require you to consult with a Cabinet Member(s) or specific officer(s) prior to taking the decision?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**If so, specify the names of the Cabinet Member(s)/officer(s) you have consulted with:**

Cllr A Vincent / Cllr M Green

**The Decision**

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health, Wellbeing & Communities has made the following decision to aware funding:

<b>HSF6</b>	<b>Value</b>
Food Support for Children Eligible for Free School Meals (Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Post 16): Christmas Uplift @ £5 per voucher	£257,500
Food Support for Children Eligible for Free School Meals (Early Years, Primary, Secondary, Post 16): Easter 2025 (2 weeks)	£772,500
Fuel Advice and Support Continue support to Citizens Advice / Energy Saving Trust fuel advice / vouchers	£10,000
Warm Spaces – community Supplement current grant funding scheme	£68,000
Warm Spaces – libraries Supplement current scheme	£44,000
Warm Spaces - rural areas (facilities improvement)	£50,000
Warm & Safe Spaces - Family Hubs / Family Centres / Targeted Youth Support	£56,000
Welfare Rights - Pensioner Welfare Benefit Uptake support	£100,000
Pensioner Information & Advice Support	£25,000

**Were any other options considered and, if so, what were they and why were they discounted?**

A range of other options discussed with members, including the possibility of direct payments - discounted due to lack of access to personally identifiable information that could be used to target payments.

**Background Papers**

None

**Declaration**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>N/A</b>
In taking this decision, I confirm that I have taken into consideration and kept a record of all relevant advice from the following services:  Legal, finance, procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Where appropriate, consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) has been completed.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where appropriate and where the decision impacts on a particular locality, the relevant councillor(s) for the electoral division(s) have been consulted.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Officer taking the decision:</b>	Dr Sakthi Karunanithi		

