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Date: 01/05/2025  
Enquiries to: Information Requests  
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Dear Requester,

**Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

**1. What was the total spend on your scheme in 2024/25?**

£312,007.07

**2. How many applications did you receive to this scheme in 2024/25?**

637

**3. How many applications were successful in 2024/25?**

268

**4. What percentage of your entire scheme (including food, fuel and furniture support) was delivered via:**

- Cash
- Vouchers
- In-kind provision of goods

100% was spent on the provision of goods

**5. How much was spent on the provision of furniture, white goods and furnishings (including flooring and window coverings) in 2024/25? This includes cash, vouchers and the provision of the item itself.**

100% was spent on the provision of goods

**6. What percentage of your furniture and appliance spend only was:**

- Cash
- Vouchers
- Provision of the item itself

100% was on the provision of the item

- 7. Our research finds that, on average, 37% of Local Welfare Assistance is spent on furniture and white goods. If your authority does provide furniture and white goods, can you explain the positive impact this has on peoples lives? If you do not, can you explain why furniture is not part of your LWA offering?**

**All funding is spent on the provision of goods. This provides people with the**

Providing essential furniture and white goods through Local Welfare Assistance schemes greatly improves people's lives. These items help create stable and comfortable living environments, offering individuals and families the tools they need to build functional homes. By meeting immediate needs, these provisions alleviate stress, and contribute to overall well-being, making a meaningful impact on those experiencing hardship.

- 8. (a) What percentage of your 2024/25 spend was funded by your core spending power (as opposed to additional Govt. funding provided via Section 31 grants, such as the Household Support Fund)**

None – 100% funded by HSF

**(b) What percentage of your 2024/25 spend came from the Household Support Fund?**

100% funded by HSF

**(c) What other sources did you use to fund your LWA scheme in 2024/25 and what percentage of the scheme did each source make up respectively?**

0

- 9. What is your budget for 2025/26?**

No core budget

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**10. What percentage of your 2025/26 budget is funded by your core spending power? If this budget is not 100% core funded, how is the remaining budget funded?**

None – 100% funded by HSF

**11. The current tranche of the Household Support Fund is due to end on 31 March 2026. If no further funding is provided by central government after this date, how will this affect the funding for your Local Welfare Provision scheme in 2026/27?**

- **We will spend more on our Local Welfare Scheme**
  - **It will have no impact, spending will remain at the same level throughout the year**
  - **Our local welfare provision budget will be reduced – please provide estimated percentage reduction**
  - **There will be no local welfare provision – we will close our scheme on 1 April 2026**
- If you have any further comments about LWA support or the Household Support Fund, please share it here.**

**I would like my comments to remain anonymous: Yes/No**

There will be no local welfare provision – we will close our scheme on 1 April 2026

There will be no Local welfare provision

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Kind regards,

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