

HSF5 Planned activities

Notes

All grey boxes require a written response.

If there is nothing to report in a cell, write "N/A". Only use "N/A" where you have no reported spend for that category. For example, if you have reported a spend of 0 for tangible items, you will record "N/A" in the box below "tangible items".

Any sections which have had a reported spend in previous tabs needs a written explanation.

The traffic light system will help you ensure the template is completed in full. For the return to be compliant, all traffic lights must be green with a white tick.

You must refer to the full guidance document when completing this tab to ensure you have provided all necessary information.

19) Planned activities - Categories

Food (excluding FSM support in the holidays)	FSM support in the holidays	Energy and water	Essentials linked to energy and water	Wider essentials	Housing costs	Advice services
<p>The council will maintain the 'front door' application process for accessing the HSF and work with our TPOs to award the support to residents. Measures remain in place to ensure the right support is offered to residents, with the appropriate checks in place, but we had stood down a part of the team following the end of HSF4 and the late notice of HSF5.</p>	<p>Working closely with Public Health and NHS colleagues a clear rationale was created in HSF3 and HSF4 to target schools and pupils facing the greatest multiple disadvantage. This approach helped to quantify the support allocated to this area. Intention is to evaluate the impact of that approach and continue with the approximate same level of investment, accepting the approach may need to be adjusted based on continuous learning</p>	<p>Support will primarily be via the application based process to suitably establish need and eligibility for support for energy and water. Along with food this is expected to be a major area of focused, based on insight gained from resident needs identified in previous HSF. The council may also work with third parties to provide targeted, proactive support in the area and to try and ensure equity of access for the support.</p>	N/A	<p>Evidence and learning from previous HSF grants have helped generate insight and understanding on the needs for wider essentials. As part of the application based support this may be things such as personal hygiene products, baby formula, clothing, essential transport related costs etc. The application and following strength based conversations will help establish any need in this area. The council may also work with third parties to provide targeted support in the area. This round will build on work done in previous rounds.</p>	N/A	<p>There is a small support package planned for this area to build on the work done in the previous round where we invested more heavily in this area.</p>

20) Planned activities - Types of Support

Vouchers	Cash awards	Third party organisations	Tangible items	Other
<p>Support will primarily be via the application based process to suitably establish need and eligibility for vouchers, mainly relating to utility bills via a structured approach using an online portal. This removes the risks associated with any cash awards. We are defining any payments awarded via the application process and targeted proactive support as vouchers as they are awarded for a defined reason. The council will work with partners from the public sector, voluntary and community groups to ensure target cohorts are effectively reached. A collaborative approach will involve the Food Alliance, Carers Service, Shelter, Age UK, Care Network and a range of other local providers who have trusted relationship, engagement</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>Support will primarily be via the application based process to suitably establish need and eligibility for tangible items. White goods are expected to be a main aspect within this support.</p>	<p>There are aspects which don't align with the other categories, such as free school meals in term time which are contained within this section.</p>

21) Planned activities - Access Routes

Application-based support	Proactive support	Other
<p>The council will maintain the 'front door' application process for accessing the HSF and work with our TPOs to award the support to residents. Measures remain in place to ensure the right support is offered to residents, with the appropriate checks in place, but we had stood down a part of the team following the end of HSF4 and the late notice of HSF5.</p>	<p>The council will continue to work with internal and external partners, work to identify and support specific cohorts within the plan. Many will build on the proactive support identified in previous rounds.</p>	N/A

22) Planned activities - Further information

Please refer to guidance document for questions to respond to using this field

Every pound of the HSF is allocated to the HSF for the whole funding period. The HSF is reporting via the corporate scorecard, with all decisions and updates passing through officer Senior Leadership Team as well as political governance groups of Executive Member Briefings and Senior Policy Team - all ensuring robust and transparent management and utilisation of the fund.

Eligible households will be targeted through a range of avenues including communication strategies and working closely with community based partners to identify and support appropriate resident cohorts. Wherever working in collaboration with third party organisations progress will be monitored via established partnership governance groups. This will be supported further supported by access to other council systems, including revenue and benefits teams to verify details required. Applications for support will be assessed electronically via the application portal, administered by our TPOs and overseen by an experienced team leader who will provide challenge and ensure eligibility guidelines are followed, however this is a reduction to the team of staff from previous rounds due to the lack of notice of the extension.