

Committee: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 21 June 2022

Title: Food Bank

Purpose of Report

For Members to consider a request for assistance from the Food Bank.

Recommendation:

Members resolve to support the Food Bank by donating £100.00 of cleaning products per month.

Background:

1. In 2020/21, the Covid pandemic resulted in an increase of local people requiring assistance in a variety of forms due to loss of jobs or being furloughed.
2. At the Town Council Meeting held via Skype on 5th May 2020, Minute No.757 Motion under Standing Order No.9 Put Forward by Councillors (**Appendix 21A**) Councillors resolved to create an emergency fund to support the local response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
3. The Town Council resolved to assist the Food Bank by making food donations. In weekly consultation with the organiser of the Food Bank, the Town Council provided a donation of food and cleaning products to the value on average of £100.00 per week to the Food Bank.
4. The Town Council have a Community Resilience budget of £10,000 under Budget Heading 382/3 for 2022/23.

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5. Following the Free Tea/Coffee morning held by the Town Council on 19th May 2022, the leftover cakes and biscuits were taken to the Food Bank.
6. The co-ordinator described how the numbers of people requiring assistance has increased particularly over the past few months due to the rising cost of living.
7. The coordinator had described how the level of public support is still there but there has been a reduction in the amount being donated to the Food Bank. In particular, household/personal cleaning products. The coordinator was then asked to write to the Town Council with her request. (**Appendix 21B**)

8. The Members may choose to support the Food Bank by donating a value of goods on a monthly basis or suggest another resolution.

**Julie Earp
Deputy Town Clerk
June 2022**