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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI605887743

Thank you for your request for information relating to Local Welfare Assistance Scheme details.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to kindly request information relating to your Local Welfare Assistance Scheme.

1. What was the total spend on your scheme in 2023/24?

£379,059.

2. How many applications did you receive to this scheme in 2023/24?

918.

3. How many applications were successful in 2023/24?

641.

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

• Cash

Nil.

• **Vouchers**

Nil.

• **In-kind provision of goods**

100%

5. How much was spent on the provision of furniture, white goods and furnishings (including flooring and window coverings) in 2023/24? This includes cash, vouchers and the provision of the item itself.

100%

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

• **Cash**

Nil.

• **Vouchers**

Nil.

• **Provision of the item itself**

100%

7. (a) What percentage of your 2023/24 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)

25%

(b) What percentage of your 2023/24 spend came from the Household Support Fund?

75%

(c) What other sources did you use to fund your LWA scheme in 2023/24 and what percentage of the scheme did each source make up respectively?

Nil.

8. What is your budget for 2024/25?

£493,756

9. What percentage of your 2024/25 budget is funded by your core spending power? If this budget is not 100% core funded, how is the remaining budget funded?

100%

10. If your LWA budget for 2024/25 is smaller than in 2023/24, what percentage of the reduction is due to the expectation that the Household Support Fund would not be renewed?

Not applicable.

The current tranche of the Household Support Fund is due to end on 31 September 2024. If no further funding is provided by central government after this date, how will this affect the funding for your Local Welfare Provision scheme from October 2024 to March 2025? Please select one of the below:

- **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 by:
20% 40% 60% 80% 100% - Include an estimate of the reduction here: _____**
- **There will be no local welfare provision – we will close our scheme on 1 October 2024**

It will have no impact; spending will remain at the same level throughout the year.

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