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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FOI Request Response [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 16th April for information about Household Support Fund. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. Please provide us with a copy of the management information return you are required to provide to the DWP for tranche four of the Household Support Fund. Please find attached

2. Please provide a breakdown of how tranche four was spent:

(a) Targeted Grants (by targeted grants we mean any direct grants/proactive support given to households that did not need to be applied)

£4,445,815

(b) Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers £0

(c) Direct applications to the scheme (this means the amount that was open to application, but not through your local welfare assistance scheme) £1,054,546

(d) Local Welfare Assistance Scheme £262,304

(e) Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations £215,000

(f) Advice Services £0

(g) Other (please clarify) £881 attributed to Admin

3.

(a) If you accepted applications to this fund how many did you receive? 4627

(b) How many applications were successful? 2843

4. Excluding funding given to local welfare schemes or third-party organisations, how much of the HSF did you spend on helping people with furniture and appliances? £0

5. How much did you spend on:

- (a) Vouchers £18,200
- (b) Cash awards £5,515,457
- (c) Third party organisations £215,000
- (d) In kind furniture support £229,008 tangible items such as furniture/white goods
- (e) In kind support for other purposes
- (f) Other £881 attributed to admin costs

6. How much do you plan to spend on free school meal vouchers in the holidays in 2024/25? £0 We do not intend to issue vouchers. If HSF is not renewed in September, will you continue with the vouchers for the second half of the year? And if so, how will you be funding it?

7. Did you take on additional staff for HSF 4 and if so are these staff likely to be retained for HSF 5? No

8. To what extent does the short notice of the availability of funding inhibit the planning and delivery activity of HSF (e.g. internal finance and policy decision making, resource requirements, engagement with internal departments and external partners)? It would be preferable to have more notice, but we are still able to dedicate resource to successful delivery planning.

9. When HSF 5 ends, what do you expect the impact to be on:

- Resources None
- Local Welfare Provision scheme Not known
- External partner agencies Not known
- Communities Not known

If you have any further comments about local welfare support or the Household Support Fund, please share it here.

I would like my comments to remain anonymous: Yes

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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Please treat the content of this e-mail as confidential. If you have received this e-mail and it is not addressed to you please accept my apologies and inform me as soon as possible.

Fr [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 April 2024 12:04
To: Freedom of Information Requests <FOI.Requests@doncaster.gov.uk>
Subject: HSF Freedom of Information request

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to kindly request information relating to your allocation of the fourth tranche of the Household Support Fund.

[REDACTED]

Please see our list of questions attached, and pasted below, and thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions for us about this, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,
Daniel

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 - d. Local Welfare Assistance Scheme
 - e. Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations
 - f. Advice Services
 - g. Other (please clarify)
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