

From: Freedom of Information Requests

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To:

Subject: FOI Response - [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 15 April 2024 for information about Local Welfare Assistance Scheme. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

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

Response: £969,447.67

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

Response: 6439

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

Response: 2156

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

- Cash 9.1%
- Vouchers 18.3%
- In-kind provision of goods 69.5%

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.

Response: £704,609.42

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

- Cash 0%
- Vouchers 4.4%
- Provision of the item itself 95.6%

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)

Response: 35.3%

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

Response: 27%

(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?

Ward budget	£3,880	0.40%
CTR Hardship	£362,000	37.30%

8. What is your budget for 2024/25?

Response: £871,270

9. What percentage of your 2024/25 budget is funded by your core spending power?

Response: 71.8%

10. If this budget is not 100% core funded, how is the remaining budget funded?

Response: Ward members underspend 0.8% and Council Reserves 27.4%

11. 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?

Response: 0%

12. 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:

- Our local welfare provision budget will be reduced by:

Response: 10%

I hope that this information is useful to you.

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

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