

Notice of an Executive decision under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

The Leader will be asked to consider and determine the following matter, which is a key decision, on 20 October 2021

Provision of Free School Meal Vouchers – October 2021 half term holiday

The item seeks approval from the Leader to agree to Acting Operational Director of Children and Education to allocate £90,000 of the Extended Local Support Grant and £180,000 from the Emergency Covid Funding to provide food vouchers to families with children who are eligible for a free school meal for the 2021 October school half term period.

The Regulations require that 28 clear days' notice is given before a key decision is made. However, this was impracticable as funding from the Household Support Grant, announced on 30 September 2021, has not yet been released. There is now an urgent need to use available balances within the Extended Local Support Grant and Emergency Covid Funding to enable the funding of the meal voucher scheme for October half term week, commencing 25 October.

Due to this, and in accordance with the Regulations, the Chair of the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board has been informed of this matter in writing.

18 October 2021

[ILO: UNCLASSIFIED]

Governance

Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, Sandwell, West Midlands B69 3DE