

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

The Cabinet will be considering the following matter, which is a key decision, on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### **Household Support Fund**

The item seeks approval to use the Household Support Fund (HSF) to provide financial support to those Sandwell residents who are most in need once the final guidance is received.

The Regulations require that 28 clear days' notice is given before a key decision is made. However, this was not possible on this occasion as Sandwell Council did not receive notification of the scheme until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Furthermore, given the timeframe involved, officers were awaiting the final guidance from the government as to how the HSF can be administered. Once this has been received, and should Cabinet approve the recommendations, it will enable officers to administer payments without any further delays. It was on this basis that the report come to Cabinet on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 for decision.

Due to this, and in accordance with the Regulations, the Chair of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board has been informed of the special urgency provisions in writing.

12<sup>th</sup> April 2022