



Subject	Social Supermarkets – correspondence from DfC
Date	11 June 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To update Committee on correspondence received from Department for Communities (DfC) in relation to a letter from Council with regard to Social Supermarket Funding.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	That the People and Communities Committee note the contents of the correspondence from DfC.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Members may recall that in April this year they considered a report which updated on the outcome of an open call for applications to the Social Supermarket Fund. The report advised members that a full Letter of Offer had not been received by DfC and that the level of budget required to support all recommended applications exceeded the available budget.</p>
3.2	Members asked that the issue be referred to SP&R and that communication be issued to DfC. A letter was issued and the correspondence in Appendix A is the response that has been received by Council.
3.3	Members may also wish to note that SP&R recommended issue of 25% of funding to 21 organisations who were recommended for funding from the Social Supermarket Fund. SP&R also granted delegated authority for the Director of Neighbourhood Services to issue funding up to 70% of the total recommended amount to all 21 organizations when the full LoO is received from DfC. These groups have now received communication from council advising of their award.
3.4	The correspondence from DfC notes that the departmental budget for 24/25 has not yet been agreed, but that 25% funding based on 23/24 allocations has been issued to councils. The letter also notes that many councils have communicated a need for further funding for this area of work and that the outcome of the financial exercise will be communicated as soon as possible to enable financial planning for 24/25.
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no finance or resource implications of this report.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>The 24/25 Social Supermarket Fund has been screened for Equality, Good Relations and Rural Needs Implications.</p>
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
4.1	Appendix 1 – Correspondence from Department for Communities (DfC)