**WBCIR:19529**

**This is a Freedom of Information request for the following information:  
1. Separately for the Household Support Fund; other discretionary local welfare assistance schemes (if your council has one in addition to the Household Support Fund); and the Holiday Activities and Food programme, please provide:  
• Total annual expenditure  
• Total annual number of applications  
• Total annual number of approvals  
• The type of awards made, and how many of each type of award were made  
• Demographics of who received support:**

* **by family type, in the following categories: couples with children, couples without children, single with children and single without children and**
* **by age group in these categories: working-age families with children, working-age families without children, pensioner families**

**Please provide this information for financial years 2021-22 to 2024-25 (inclusive).**

**Response for Household Support Fund**

We do not hold all the information you have requested. However, please see table below for the information that we do hold.

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| **Household Support Fund** | | | | |
|  | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25\* |
| **Total annual expenditure** | **£525,574** | **£1,051,148** | **£1,051,148** | **£1,051,148** |
|  | **Number of Approvals** | | | |
| Food | 74 | 1,809 | 1,006 | 1,219 |
| Energy | 880 | 3,531 | 1,739 | 674 |
| School Holiday Food | 1,201 | 2,402 | 2,555 | 2,709 |
| Wider Essentials | 1 | 365 | 591 | 475 |
| Housing | 0 | 60 | 113 | 6 |
| Combination of above | 12 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Advice | n/a | n/a | 1,467 | 1,187 |
| **Total number of households** | **2,168** | **8,167** | **7,471** | **6,270** |
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|  | **Demographic Breakdown** | | | |
| Households with Children | 1,864 | 5,774 | 5,067 | 4,121 |
| Pensioner Households | n/a | 968 | 447 | 491 |
| Households with Disability | n/a | 262 | 966 | 1,052 |
| Other Households | 304 | 1,163 | 991 | 606 |
| **Total** | **2,168** | **8,167** | **7,471** | **6,270** |

\*to date.

**Response for Local Welfare Support**

We do not hold all the information you have requested. However, please see details below of the information that we do hold.

**For 2021/22:** We received 16 applications of which 11 were successful with a spend of **£3,073.88**

**For 2022/23:** We received 31 applications of which 25 were successful with a spend of **£12,689.02**

**For 23/24:** We received 64 applications of which 57 were successful with a spend of **£16k**.

**24/25 (until Feb 25):** We received 99 applications of which 76 were successful with a spend of **£12k**.

**Response FO Holiday Activities and Food programme**

Total annual expenditure

* 2021: **£287,232**
* 2022: **£306,240**
* 2023: **£305,744**
* 2024: **End of year statement, due for sign off in June.**

Total annual number of applications – Number of FSM children

* 2021: **2223**
* 2022: **2395**
* 2023: **2537**
* 2024: **2965**

Total annual number of approvals – number of Unique children attending provisions

* 2021: **601**
* 2022: **1754**
* 2023: **2116**
* 2024: **1915**

The type of awards made, and how many of each type of award were made

**Demographics of who received support:**

* **Primary provisions have been offered across 24 locations to ensure we provide accessible provisions across the Wokingham Borough.**
* **Secondary, we offer provisions with three providers. Transport is provided for activities where it is not accessible by public transport. This is assessed on a case by case basis.**
* **SEND WBC deliver specialist provisions from a school site, for children and young people who can not access universal provisions. We also offer a stay and play for the whole family. This enables us to build relationships and provide signposting.**
* **Community Provisions each holiday WBC provide community event, day trips, pantos and lots more for the whole family.  This enables us to build relationships and provide signposting.**

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and by age group in these categories: working-age families with children, working-age families without children, pensioner families - **We don’t hold this data**