

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON
WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2012. THE DECISION CANNOT BE
IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.**

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY
HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, 05 DECEMBER 2012

Present: Cllr David Pugh – Leader of the Isle of Wight Council and Cabinet
Member for Resources

Jonathan Baker – Democratic Services Officer

Item	<u>Developing A Local Assistance Scheme For People In Severe Financial Need</u>
Decision reference	42/12
Notice of Decision Published	Wednesday, 21 November 2012
Decision taken	<p>THAT the following be adopted:</p> <p>Option Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. THAT a Pilot Local Assistance Scheme be implemented for 2013/14 and administered by the Council's Benefits Service. ii. THAT this be operated in accordance with the draft scheme set out in Appendix 1 to this report. iii. THAT the Pilot be used to develop a longer-term Local Assistance Scheme to be commissioned and operated externally from 1 April 2014. iv. THAT a consultation exercise is undertaken with relevant organisations, referral agencies and key stakeholders such as CAB, Credit Unions, Food Banks and any other stakeholder with financial inclusion or related interests and through them their users. v. THAT the Director of Resources (in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources) considers the responses to the consultation exercise and the Equality Impact Assessment and then make recommendations to Cabinet for the implementation of the Pilot Scheme.
Reason for decision	To devise an appropriate and responsive programme of Local Assistance provision to Island residents who are in genuine hardship (which cannot be met through other means), enabling them to access the support that they need, financial or otherwise, quickly and effectively.

Additional reasons	<p>To make a positive contribution towards the following priorities within the Isle of Wight's sustainable community strategy 2008-2020 (also known as Eco Island):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspiring Island: helping reduce childhood inequalities by tackling poverty, neglect and domestic violence and supporting families and carers to provide a safe and positive environment for our young people. • Healthy and Supportive Island: by helping to reduce levels of obesity in all ages and improving health, emotional wellbeing and life expectancy across the Island. • Safe and Well-kept Island: by reducing anti-social behaviour and disorder. • Housing and homelessness by helping to ensure vulnerable families and persons are provided advice assistance and practical support to maintain their own homes.
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option One - Link the Social Fund to existing Council services</p> <p>Option Two - Contract with new or existing external partners</p>
Declarations of interest	<p>None declared</p>
Additional advice received	<p>None received</p>