

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 28 SEPTEMBER 2017Question 1

Councillor PP Marsh

Welfare Assistance Scheme

To: cabinet member health and wellbeing

Please give figures for the last 4 years for the size of Council's welfare assistance scheme to provide support for vulnerable low income families (of whom the county has many) hit by emergencies. If it is shut where are people now referred to?

Reply

The authority's local welfare provision is still functioning. It operates during normal working hours plus since the majority of those in need of this provision may also have a housing need, the service is accessible 24 hours a day through the housing solution service. The budget for this small but important scheme were and are:

Financial year	Budget	Spend
2014-15	£25,000	£23,661
2015-16	£25,000	£21,054
2016-17	£20,000	£11,470*
2017-18	£20,000	£6,859 to date

* the scheme was transferred to the housing solutions service in this year enabling a wider operational response to meeting presenting need