

**Western Area Committee Funding Scheme – Member proposal form 2022-23**

<b>Title of project</b>	Donation to Foodbank
<b>Proposer (Area Committee Member)</b>	Councillor Corrie Woodford
<b>Relevant Heads of Service/Lead officer</b>	Sarah-Jane Radley and Charlotte Hudson
<b>Project Proposal</b>	<p>Due to the cost-of-living crisis and some residents in the Western Area having difficulties paying for essentials such as food, household bills and fuel, Members would like to consider making a donation to a Foodbank which would benefit residents.</p> <p>Swale Foodbank, part of The Trussell Trust network, would be the most appropriate for the Western Area, more can be found out about their work via this link <a href="#">Swale Foodbank   Helping Local People in Crisis</a></p> <p>They run a multi-centre foodbank based at 4 different locations throughout the week:</p> <p><b>Mondays:</b> Net Church, East Street, Sittingbourne. Open 12.30pm-2.30pm</p> <p><b>Tuesdays:</b> Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Church Street, Sittingbourne. Open 12pm-2pm</p> <p><b>Thursdays:</b> Richmond Academy, Unity Street, Sheerness. Open 4pm-6pm</p> <p><b>Fridays:</b> Sittingbourne Baptist Church, High Street, Sittingbourne. Open 10.30am-12.30pm</p> <p>Their centres run a voucher model – foodbank vouchers are required in advance of receiving a food parcel. Each food parcel contains three days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food. A typical food parcel includes: breakfast cereal, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, baked beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, instant mash, UHT milk, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned dessert and biscuits. Some foodbanks also provide fresh produce if they are able to. Dietary needs can be catered for.</p> <p>In certain circumstances the Swale Foodbank may be able to deliver food parcels to resident’s homes, especially if there are mobility or health issues.</p> <p>Swale Foodbank is running a More Than Food programme which provides additional support alongside emergency food, to help people address underlying issues behind their crisis. They have specifically trained volunteers who can offer additional help in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eat Well Spend Less – a six-week basic cookery, nutrition and budget management course.</li> <li>• Holiday Club – supporting families at times when free school meals are not available by offering food and fun activities.</li> <li>• Money Life – providing tools and courses to tackle debt and budgeting.</li> <li>• Fuel Bank – supports households most in need of help by giving them funds to pay for gas and electricity alongside emergency food.</li> </ul>

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<b>Anticipated officer resource required</b>	Minimal, the Policy and Engagement Officer will work with the Foodbank and Swale Finance Team to arrange the payment.
<b>Cost £</b>	Figure to be agreed by Western Area Committee
<b>Planned Start Date</b>	September 2022
<b>Due Date for Completion <i>(Please note the funding will need to be spent by May 2023)</i></b>	September 2022
<b>Please note there is a requirement to consult with the relevant Head of Service to ensure this proposal does not conflict with strategic priorities and will not put undue pressure on officer resource.</b>	
<b>Agreed by relevant Head of Service (Name, date and signature)</b>	 Charlotte Hudson 23/08/22