

## APPENDIX 1

### DISCRETIONARY HARDSHIP PAYMENT

It is important to note that Councils continue to administer applications for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) for those in receipt of UC. During 2017/18, year to date, Wirral awarded 55 UC customers with a DHP. A total of £23,037 was paid out to residents as additional support towards their housing costs. It is anticipated that there will be an increased demand as the UC caseload grows. DHP is funded by DWP Grant to the Council supplemented with a local top up. See spend table to date for 2017/2018.

<b>DHP Fund</b>	<b>Government Contribution</b>	<b>Local Contribution</b>	<b>Total Fund</b>
2017/2018	£872,473.00	£295,948.62	<b>£1,168,421.62</b>
<b>Total No of Awards</b>	<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>Total Committed</b>	<b>Fund remaining</b>
1199	£429,411.77	£726,877.17	<b>£441,544.45</b>

### LOCAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE

Wirral provides emergency support through its Local Welfare Assistance (LWA) Scheme which is cash limited locally funded scheme. We need as a Council to be prepared for an increase in LWA applications but at present DWP are not providing projections. Officers are presently reviewing options for criteria variation for UC Customers, supporting a simple and effective process of awareness and application that will ensure a response to any immediate hardship faced. See spend table to date for 2017/2018.

<b>LWA Fund</b>	<b>Total Fund</b>		
2017/2018	£767,807		
<b>Total No of Awards 30/9/17</b>	<b>Total Spend – 30/09/17</b>	<b>Projected Spend - 31/3/18</b>	<b>Fund remaining</b>
3,853	£101,108	£244,217	£523,590