17 FOOD INSECURITY FUNDING UPDATE

The Chair ruled in terms of Standing Order 28 (Changing a Decision) that since the Council Executive had approved a report on the same subject matter at its meeting on 21 December 2021 there had been a material change of circumstances as described in the first paragraph of section D2 of the report; therefore, a new decision was required.

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the work of the West Lothian Food Network (WLFN) to support households facing food insecurity and asking members to consider an application from the West Lothian Food Network for £296,773 to allow the network to continue over the period from April 2022 to September 2022.

It was recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Agree the application for £296,773 for the period April 2022 to September 2022 to enable West Lothian Food Network to continue to support households experiencing food insecurity; and

2. Note the work undertaken to meet the needs of low-income households, including two new pantries in under-represented areas, as well as some of the network members now opening at the weekend and evenings.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.