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Warm Hub Funding Request

Duke's Secondary School has recently set up a fundraising committee and as part of that have hosted free community events to support people during the cost-of-living crisis. They offer a warm space, free food, a free raffle, free game of bingo and the opportunity for more vulnerable families to get together.

Two events have been held with 70 people at each which were supported by food from Asda. Asda is not able to support continually so they are seeking funding for supplies of food.

The offer is varied in regards food, and school facilities are used for cooking. In March the meal will be pizza and wedges, with hot and cold drinks.

RFO Note
Although the Council made a policy decision not to fund schools and religious establishments via the Annual Grant Aid and Small Grant Funding policy, it was agreed that this restriction would be relaxed for funding of warm hubs as agreed in December.

The school fundraising committee has advised that they hope to hold these events every 8-10 weeks. I have advised that the decision taken would be via the Warm Hub Funding available in this financial year, but any future requests would be received in line with guidelines in the next financial year.