

## Decentralisation: Pilot projects outline plan – Appendix 8

Ambition 5: People are helped out of poverty and income inequality			
<b>Project:</b>	Council tax debt repayment pilot	<b>Lead Officer:</b>	Assistant Director Communities, Employment and Skills Strategic Lead for Anti-Poverty
<b>Outline proposal:</b>			
Alongside Huntingdonshire District Council, identify a target group of residents who are in council tax arrears and provide a holistic package of support, including skills development, which upon completion results in repayment of the debt from the Household Support Fund.			
<b>Deliverables:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident group identified.</li> <li>Preventative package of support designed and delivered.</li> <li>Funding released from the county council to clear the council tax debt.</li> </ul>			
<b>Benefits/Outcomes:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents with the greatest financial need across Huntingdonshire are supported with information and /or funding which will enable them to clear their council tax debt.</li> <li>Residents across Huntingdonshire have developed their skillset to secure employment and achieve a sustainable reduction in their council tax debt.</li> </ul>			
<b>Indicative timescale:</b>		<b>Target Place:</b>	<b>Tactical/ Strategic?</b>
August 2023 to March 2024		Huntingdonshire	Tactical
<b>Decentralised approach:</b>			
Releasing funding held by the county council to a local area. Support co-design of a local project to meet local need.			
<b>Impact / success measure(s):</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of residents who sign up and access the support.</li> <li>Amount of council tax arrears cleared because of the support.</li> <li>Return on investment amount.</li> </ol>			
<b>Resources required/identified:</b>			
Support from the Communities Service, Cambridgeshire Skills, the anti-poverty hub and finance.			
<b>Partners involved:</b>		<b>Dependencies / linked programmes &amp; projects:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Huntingdonshire District Council</li> </ul>		Household Support Fund	
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>		<b>Budget Source:</b>	
		Household Support Fund	