

Background Information for Emergency Expenditure Request

Emergency: Coronavirus 2020
Subject: Test and Trace isolation payments schemes
Date: 09 October 2020
Chief Officer: Jim Carrington-West

Council Constitution

Appendix D - Financial Procedure Rules

2d. Emergency Expenditure

Why is this important?

The Council needs to have in place a procedure for meeting immediate needs in the case of an emergency situation arising in the District.

General

2.32 The Chief Executive and s.151 Officer/Chief Finance Officer shall have the authority to approve expenditure on any item which is essential to meet any immediate needs created by an emergency or which is referable to Section 138 of the Local Government Act 1972, subject to a subsequent report to Cabinet and/or Full Council depending on whether or not the expenditure can be met from within the current budget framework.

2.33 The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council together with the Leader or Deputy Leader of Council, having received a report from the Chief Executive and the Chief Executive and s.151 Officer/Chief Finance Officer, shall have power to incur expenditure which is essential to meet any immediate needs created by an emergency or which is referable to Section 138 of the Local Government Act 1972 (or other subsequent legislation) which is not otherwise authorised or where it is necessary in the Council's interest to settle legal proceedings which have been commenced against the Council. A subsequent report shall be submitted to Cabinet and/or the full Council depending on whether or not the expenditure can be met from within the current budget framework.

Detail

In response to the Coronavirus, COVID-19, the government announced there would be support for individuals asked to self-isolate and meeting criteria set out in guidance and supporting policies.

It is for individual authorities to adopt local schemes and to determine in each individual case when, having regard to the guidance issued, to provide payments under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.

It is imperative that we deliver much needed support to individuals in the form of these payments support measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Financial Impact

Central government will provide funding of initially £40k for the main scheme and £24k for the discretionary element, by way of a grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.

Requesting Chief Officer: Jim Carrington-West - Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer Customer and Resources

Approval

Chief Executive:



Chief Officer - Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer Finance and Trading:

