

West Sussex County Council

Urgent Action

The following key decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the relevant officer and with the agreement of the relevant Committee Chairman.

Regulation 11: Members are asked to note that as this is a key decision it should have been included in the Forward Plan for the required 28 days. It was, however, not possible to do so and agreement to the decision has been obtained from the relevant Committee Chairman and notice has been given to the public.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Financial Support to the Care Sector - Infection Control Grant, Round 2, 20% Allocation OKD45 (20/21)
Officer responsible for Decision	Tony Kershaw, Director of Law and Assurance
Officer responsible for Function	Keith Hinkley, Executive Director Adults and Health
Decision published	20 November 2020
West Sussex Plan priority	Independence in Later Life
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>On 17th September 2020 the government announced a second support package for adult social care providers backed by a further £546m infection control fund. The specified purpose of the grant is to provide continued support to adult social care providers, including those with whom the Council does not have a contract, to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission in and between care homes and support wider workforce resilience to enable improved infection control. The West Sussex allocation of this money is £10.958m. The expectation from government is that 80% of the money be passported directly to registered care home providers and other CQC regulated community care providers.</p> <p>Decision (Report Ref: OKD40 20/21) allocated 80% of the Infection Control Grant Funding be paid to care homes and other CQC regulated community care providers, in line with Government Guidance, subject to the government grant conditions, and the providers' acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Council's grant agreement with them.</p> <p>The allocation of the remaining 20% of the Infection Control Funding is the subject of this further decision.</p>
Decision	The Director of Law & Assurance, with the agreement of the Executive Director Adults and Health and the Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee, has used his delegated powers under

	Standing Order 5.23 and approved that; the 20% of the Infection Control Funding is paid to providers in line with the proposal in section 2 of the decision report, subject to providers' acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Council's grant agreement with them.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None.
Reason for urgency	This decision is urgent as Government instruction states that , 'local authorities are expected to fully allocate the grant as quickly as possible after receiving the second instalment to ensure providers have time to spend it before the fund closes on 31 March 2021'. The Local authority is also required to adhere to the information on spending return to the Government by 31 December 2020 which will provide details on spending during October and November.
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Background Papers	See report for details