

## 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.

<b>Decision Title &amp; Ref No:</b>	Allocation of Infection Control Grant (OKD17 20/21)
<b>Officer responsible for Decision</b>	Tony Kershaw, Director of Law and Assurance
<b>Officer responsible for Function</b>	Alan Adams, Interim Executive Director Adults and Health
<b>Decision published</b>	12 June 2020
<b>West Sussex Plan priority</b>	Independence in Later Life
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	All Divisions
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>On 15 May 2020 the government announced a care home support package backed by a £600m <a href="#">infection control fund</a>. The specified purpose of the grant is to provide 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 £13.363m. The expectation from government is that 75% of the money is passported directly to registered care home providers (including those the Council doesn't already contract with) and the remaining 25% is allocated based on local need. The Council is required to comply with a number of conditions set out in the grant circular distributed by Government.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	<p>The Director of Law &amp; Assurance, with the agreement of the Interim 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 for approval to be given that;</p> <p>(1) 75% of the Infection Control Grant Funding is paid to providers, in line with Government Guidance and subject to the government grant conditions and providers' acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Council's grant agreement with them; and</p>

	(2) allocation of the remaining 25% of the Infection Control Funding be subject to a further key decision based on need within the county and made subject to appropriate grant conditions.
<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None.
<b>Reason for urgency</b>	This decision is urgent due to the need to provide timely financial support to care providers who are facing challenges related to the Covid-19 pandemic.
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<b>Background Papers</b>	See report for details