

Covid-19 Summary - As At 30th September

Finance Summary

The cost of the Covid-19 pandemic to the County Council has been monitored separately from the portfolio budgets agreed by County Council in February 2021. Some unspent grants from 2020/21 have been carried forward and are available to be utilised in accordance with grant conditions. It is expected that all the costs of the pandemic which are incurred in 2021/22 will be funded from government grants or from other income received from partners.

Table 1 details a projected forecast of Covid-19 expenditure and income for 2021/22 by portfolio. There is currently £10.1m of grant which is unallocated, however the ever-changing circumstances of the pandemic means that it is possible that all of the Covid-19 pandemic funding will be committed during 2021/22.

Table 1 – Covid-19 Expenditure by Portfolio

Portfolio	Projected Expenditure
Adults & Health	£12.587m
Children & Young People	£0.146m
Community Support, Fire & Rescue	£6.206m
Environment & Climate Change	£0.503m
Finance & Property	£0.813m
Highways & Transport	£1.286m
Leader	£0.000m
Learning & Skills	£1.919m
Public Health & Wellbeing	£24.634m
Support Services & Economic Development	£0.342m
Non-Portfolio	£4.775m
Total Projected Expenditure	£53.211m

Income Allocations (including grants carried forward from 2020/21)	Allocation
<i>Grant</i> - Covid-19 central government non ring-fenced grant	(£22.641m)
<i>Grant</i> - Other Covid-19 specific grants including: Contained Outbreak Management Fund, Local Support Grant, Infection Control, Home to School Transport and others.	(£41.204m)
<i>Grant</i> - Grant allocations expected/ awaiting final determinations including Income Loss Compensation Scheme and final summer term Home to School Transport grant.	(£0.432m)
<i>Other Income</i> – Covid-19 income estimated contribution from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).	(£0.774m)
Total Projected Income	(£65.051m)

Committed 2022/23 Capital Contribution	£1.723m
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Total Remaining Unallocated Grant	(£10.117m)
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Covid-19 Key Decisions During 2021/22

Table 2 lists the Key Decisions which have been taken during the year that have impacted Covid-19 expenditure.

Table 2: Key Decisions Which Have Impacted in Year Expenditure

Key Decision	Description	Funding Source	Date	Key Decision Reference
Adult Social Care Infection Control and Testing Fund	Allocation of Infection prevention and control and rapid testing funding	Specific grant allocation	30 th April 2021	OKD75 (20/21)
Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF)	Proposal to utilise £6.018m of the total grant funding, of which £2.933m is to support activities by the West Sussex Districts and Boroughs, £0.665m is for homelessness prevention (Adults) and £2.419m is to support services for children and young people	Specific grant allocation	6 th May 2021	OKD78 (20/21)
Emergency Central Government Funding Allocation	Allocation of £0.542m to complete the demolition of the former Chichester High School Year 7 Building project following delays and loss of funding due to the pandemic.	County Council funding	08 th July 2021	FP02 (21/22)

Covid-19 Grant Funding Allocations 2021/22

A listing of available Covid-19 grant funding is shown in **Table 3**. This details the grants brought forward from 2020/21, confirmed new grants and estimates of new funding expected to be received.

Table 3 - Covid-19 Grant Funding Allocated to West Sussex County Council - as at 30th September 2021

Description	Brought Forward	2021/22	TOTAL	Spending Plan
	2020/21		2021/22	
	£m	£m	£m	
Unringfenced Grant:				
Covid-19 Central Government Non Ring-fenced Grant	7.0	15.6	22.6	To meet additional pressures arising from the pandemic and help continue to deliver frontline services .
Fire Contingency Fund	0.1		0.1	
Total Unringfenced Grant	7.0	15.6	22.6	
Specific/ Dedicated Grants (WSSC expenditure)				
Infection Control/ Rapid Testing	-	10.7	10.7	To support adult social care providers to reduce the rate of Covid-19 within and between care settings through infection prevention and control practices. It also enables additional rapid testing of staff and visitors.
Test and Trace	1.3		1.3	Led by WS Public Health, implementation of tailored outbreak control plans to reduce and manage the virus across the county.
Contain Outbreak Management Fund	19.3	4.0	23.3	To help reduce the spread of coronavirus and support local public health.
Additional Dedicated Home to School and College Transport	-	0.5	0.5	To provide sufficient transport capacity so children and young people can attend school and college safely and on time.
Winter Support Grant	-	0.8	0.8	To provide support to children and households who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, poverty, where they are impacted by the ongoing public health emergency, and where alternative sources of assistance may be unavailable.
Local Support Grant	-	2.3	2.3	To provide support to children and households who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, poverty, where they are impacted by the ongoing public health emergency, and where alternative sources of assistance may be unavailable.
Practical Support Framework	-	1.3	1.3	Support those in need with the cost of food, energy, water bills and other essentials.
Wellbeing for Education Grant	-	0.1	0.1	Additional funding for local authorities to support pupils' and students' wellbeing and psychosocial recovery as they return to full-time education.
Travel Demand Management Grant	0.1	-	0.1	Public transport support funding.
Bus Support Services Grant	-	0.3	0.3	To support bus operators to continue running services during lockdown (supported transport routes).
Funding to Protect and Increase Travel Services (Emergency Active Travel Fund)	0.5	-	0.5	Phase 2 (Revenue - indicative allocation) installation of temporary cycle lane provision.
Lateral Flow Testing		0.1	0.1	Funding to support lateral flow testing.
Total Specific/ Dedicated Grant	21.2	20.1	41.3	
Overall Total Portfolio Grants	28.2	35.7	63.9	
Other Ringfenced Grants - Capital:				
Capital Funding to Protect and Increase Travel Services (Emergency Active Travel Fund)	2.2	-	2.2	Phase 2 - Travel improvements.
Total Other Ringfenced Grant Outside Portfolio's and Capital Grants	2.2	0.0	2.2	
Overall Total Grants	30.5	35.7	66.2	
Additional ringfenced grant allocations to be confirmed/ allocated				
Additional Dedicated Home to School and College Transport		0.1	0.1	End of 2021 Summer Term funding.
Estimated Reimbursement of Lost Income Compensation Scheme	-	0.3	0.3	Final three months estimate (April - June) of partial reimbursement for loss of fees and charges following the closure of council services during the pandemic.
Estimated Portfolio Grants	0.0	0.4	0.4	