

## OFFICER DECISION FORM

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:** NICOLA BUTTERWORTH

**KEY DECISION** YES

**DIRECTORATE:** NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

**WARDS AFFECTED:** ALL

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**SUBJECT:** COVID Local Support Grant - extension No.2

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### 1.0 DECISION:

- 1.1 That the Director of Neighbourhood Services agrees the indicative local allocation of the grant extension as outlined below:

Item	Proposed indicative spend
Supplement the Holiday Activities Fund (HAF)	£200,000
Food & resilience for families in need of additional support (summer holidays)	£300,000
COVID Local Support Summer Fund – small grants programme	£300,000
Welcome Back to School Food Support Packs	£123,750
Financial support with energy (fuel) and water bills debt	£125,000
Crisis support with emergency call-outs and boiler repairs/replacements	£20,000
Crisis support with white goods	£17,000
Contingency	£9,200.64
Administration costs (5%)	£57,630
	<b>£1,152,580.64</b>

### 2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 The Grant will help the Council continue its intensive work, in partnership with local agencies, groups and organisations, to support those most vulnerable throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

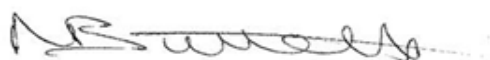
### 3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

- 3.2 Under the Special Urgency provisions in the Council's Constitution (Part 4, Section 2, paragraph 13 (e)) the Mayor has agreed that the decision can be taken immediately, having not appeared on the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions.
- 3.3 Under the Urgency provision of the Constitution, Part 4 – Decision Review, Paragraph 9, the Chief Executive has agreed to this decision as a matter of urgency and that it not be subject to call-in, as any delay could seriously prejudice the Council's or public interest.

#### **4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

4.1 None.



**Signed:**

**Officer: Nicola Butterworth**

**Title: Director of Neighbourhood Services**

**Date: 8/7/21**

**A list of background papers on this issue is held with: Caroline Laing**

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