

## OFFICER DECISION FORM

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:** Julie Webster

**KEY DECISION** One Wirral CIC

**DIRECTORATE:** Public Health

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

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**SUBJECT: Approval for Contain Outbreak Management Funding for Renewal Initiatives**

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### **1.0 DECISION:**

The Director of Public Health has agreed to:

- (1) Approve Renewal Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) of £679,000 (1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023) to One Wirral CIC to increase digital inclusion across all wards of the Borough. THIS IS A KEY DECISION
- (2) Approve Renewal Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) of £155,000 (1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023) to Citizens Advice – Ask us Wirral, to increase digital inclusion across all wards of the Borough.
- (3) Approve Renewal Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) of £346,000 (1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023) to Involve North West, to increase employment support provision across all wards of the Borough via the Reach Out Programme.
- (4) Approve Renewal Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) of £180,000 (1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023) to Health Junction/Wired, to increase digital inclusion across all wards of the Borough.
- (5) Approve Renewal Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) of £141,000 (1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023) to Age UK – Wirral On-line Together, to increase digital inclusion across all wards of the Borough.

### **2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Digital exclusion has long been an issue of concern for Wirral. The Covid period has increased the extent and severity of this problem. Virtually every aspect of life is now expected to be conducted online, from work to socialising, and from education to shopping. Those who are not online are more disadvantaged than ever. These initiatives will help to address these concerns.

### **3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The recommendation is made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. It is 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.

#### 4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

**Signed:** *Julie Webster*

**Officer:** Julie Webster

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

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