OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: JULIE WEBSTER

KEY DECISION NO

DIRECTORATE: ADULT CARE AND HEALTH

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

SUBJECT: INFECTION PREVENTION CONTROL SERVICE

1.0 DECISION:

To approve additional Contain Outbreak Management Funding of £160,581.00 (1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023) to the substantive Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust Infection Prevention Control (IPC) contract to sustain a continued enhanced level of support for settings, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) was issued to Local Authorities for public health purposes in relation to COVID-19, to break the chain of transmission and protect the most vulnerable. COMF has been used throughout the pandemic to bolster existing community IPC services, in order to protect the most vulnerable within our society. Additional COMF funding for 2022/23 for the IPC service will ensure resources continue to be effectively utilised to support the management of COVID-19.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The commissioning process for the contracts described in this report comply with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and Wirral Council Contract Procedure Rules.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

Signed:

Officer: Julie Webster

Title: Director of Public Health

Date: 8th April 2022

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

Contact Officer: Elspeth Anwar Date: 8th April 2022

Date of Publication:

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: