



URGENT DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER ANNEX 3 Table 4 (1)

Consultation and Decision

Subject: Approval of funding to enable the delivery of the ACS Covid-19 Response Strategy

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1. Proposed Decision

Urgent preparation to ensure an effective response to 'Covid-19' is taking place across the council. Adult Care Services' priorities for its response are set out in the ACS Covid-19 Response Strategy to deliver a safe and coordinated response for the delivery of Adult Care across the whole County, linking, where appropriate, to other HCC departments, our partners and our providers.

2. Reasons for the decision

It will be vitally important during the period of the Covid-19 response to sustain providers of social care to make sure that they are able to continue in business. It is well understood within the Council that the care market is fragile, and the Covid-19 situation will test arrangements to the maximum. The Council is, therefore, taking firm and swift action to protect the provider market. Equally, it is likely that adult care services will come under sustained pressure from the NHS to ensure that wherever possible people with social care related needs are able to be cared for out of hospital, freeing capacity for people with Covid-19 related complications. This decision will help ensure that the Council takes the necessary steps to ensure maximum flexibility to help secure resources, support the NHS and ensure providers, employees and service users are supported.

3. Reason(s) the decision could not wait until the next meeting of Cabinet

This Funding will be used to achieve the above from additional social care funding for the one week period from 16 March 2020 to 23 March 2020. Further funding decisions in this regard will also be considered by Cabinet in March.

4. Consultation with Leader and relevant Executive Member

Comments of Leader

I agree with the proposed decision set out above

