

**Appendix 2: Urgency decisions taken under the Improvement and Scrutiny Procedure Rules where call-in was waived**

**1 December 2020 - 15 March 2021**

<b>Subject of Decision</b>	<b>Decision Taken by and Date Taken</b>	<b>Decision Taken</b>	<b>Reason for Decision</b>	<b>Reason for Urgency</b>
Holiday Activities Fund	Executive Director of Children's Services 15 March 2021	To approve spending plans for Derbyshire County Council allocation of the Holiday Activities Fund.	The decision relates to the delivery of a Holiday Activity and Food Programme for school children in Derbyshire aged 5-16 using the allocation of £2.8 million Department for Education grant funding. The scheme was announced in November 2020 with further clarifying guidance issued in February 2021, with a go live date from the start of the Easter Holidays.	Uncertainties relating to the impact of Covid-19 and the Government's anticipated road map to recovery hindered progress in finalising the plans for this programme. Given that the first stage of this offer is the Easter Holiday Delivery Plan it was not possible to adhere to the timing of the usual decision-making protocols.

<p>Covid Winter Grant Scheme - Extension</p>	<p>Executive Director of Children's Services 11 March 2021</p>	<p>Approval of COVID Winter Grant Scheme Extension expenditure plan for Derbyshire County Council.</p>	<p>The Covid Winer Grant Scheme was due to expire on 31 March but was extended to 16 April 2021 with additional funding to help support those families and children most in need over the Easter holiday period</p>	<p>Notification of the scheme extension and additional funding of £758k was not issued until 26 February and not received nationally until 1 March. Up to date data from schools needed to be collated to enable the voucher issues to eligible children. Waiving of the 5 day call in notice period was deemed necessary for the project to proceed in a timely fashion.</p>
<p>Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme</p>	<p>Cabinet 11 March 2021</p>	<p>To accept the £1,891,220 of Section 31 grant funding for the installation of low carbon heat technologies.</p> <p>To the use of £36,623 from the Council's 2012 capital allocation for carbon reduction projects.</p> <p>To use of the Crown Commercial Services' Heat Networks and Electricity Generation Assets</p>	<p>To access grant funding for three low carbon heat projects</p>	<p>To meet the grant scheme timescales the grant offer letter had to be signed by 11 March 2021. This was the same date as the Cabinet meeting where the decision was considered. Any delay caused by the call-in process would have prevented the funding being transferred to the Council.</p>

		Framework Dynamic Purchasing System under protocol 2A of the County Council's financial regulations for the supply and installation of low carbon heat technologies.		
Rural Gigabit Broadband Top Up Voucher Scheme	Cabinet 11 March 2021	<p>To confirm the County Council's participation and contribution of £500,000 to Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) 'Top Up Scheme'.</p> <p>To approve funding to be secured from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recovery Fund up to a maximum of £500,00</p>	To participate in the Department of Culture, Media and Sport's (DCMS) initiative that enables 'local bodies' to provide a "top up" contribution to the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme, including any extended roll out beyond 31 March 2021.	Timely confirmation of the Councils participation in the scheme will allow Government funding to remain available for local residents and businesses after 31 March 2021.
Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) Grants	Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health  11 February 2021	<p>To distribute the following two DHSC Grants to eligible care providers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Social Care Rapid Testing Fund</li> <li>• Workforce Capacity Grant for Adult Social Care</li> </ul>	<p>To distribute funding to support additional rapid testing of staff in care homes, and to support visiting professionals and enable indoors, close contact visiting where possible.</p> <p>The purpose of this funding is to enable local authorities to deliver</p>	The Council needed to distribute the funds from these two grants to providers so that they could use the funds before the 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 deadline otherwise any underspend would have to be returned to DCHS.

			measures to supplement and strengthen adult social care staff capacity to ensure that safe and continuous care is achieved.	
Home Care Support	Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health 2 February 2021	To temporarily reduce or suspend individual homecare support for individuals who feel able to continue to manage safely in the short term. Such changes of service would only be undertaken with the consent of the person in receipt of the service and/or their carers	To free up capacity to support current pressures on hospital discharge and hospital admission avoidance as a result of the current increased Covid-19 infection rates, increased pressure on acute hospital services and adults social care community support services.	To enable this temporary approach to commence as soon as possible to relieve the identified pressures on the service.
Registration Service – Cessation of Weddings and Civil Partnerships.	Managing Executive Director for Commissioning, Communities and Policy 7 January 2021	With immediate effect weddings and civil partnerships shall only take place with up to 6 people and in exceptional circumstances.  Exceptional circumstances shall include an urgent	To comply with legislation and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020/1374 as amended - Schedule 3A Tier 4	To enable the decision to commence with immediate effect and comply with the implications of the amendments to the Covid regulations made to the on 6 January that meant all areas in

		<p>marriage where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover, or is to undergo debilitating treatment or life-changing surgery</p> <p>The Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to approve any other circumstances which are deemed to be exceptional.</p> <p>The change will apply throughout the period the Tier 4 restrictions are in place in the county of Derbyshire.</p>	restrictions and government guidance.	England moved into Tier 4.
Lateral Flowing Testing in DCC Schools	Executive Director of Children's Services 21 January 2021	To provide schools with secondary age students which are maintained by DCC with authority to proceed with self-administered LFT for students and staff without waiting for the DfE letter	To reduce the spread of the virus, protect the most vulnerable and drive down the infection rate across the county area of Derbyshire (excluding Derby City). Pilots have shown rapid testing can be used effectively and have positive impacts in schools and colleges.	To enable testing to start with immediate effect in accordance with DfE guidance

<p>Targeted Community Testing</p>	<p>Executive Director of Adult Social care and Health 18 December 2020</p>	<p>To introduce targeted community testing to identify asymptomatic COVID19 cases in a phased approach across Derbyshire, commencing on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 in Swadlincote for a period of six weeks.</p>	<p>The Council's overall goal is to reduce the spread of the virus, protect the most vulnerable and drive down the infection rate across the county area of Derbyshire</p>	<p>To commence community testing promptly to reduce the spread of Covid-19</p>
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