

From: Clair Bell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

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To: Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 25 November 2020

Subject: **DECISIONS TAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE MEETING CYCLE**

Classification: Unrestricted

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Summary: The attached decision was taken between meetings as they could not reasonably be deferred to the next programmed meeting of the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee for the reason set out below.

Recommendation: The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** that the following decision has been taken in accordance with the process as set out in Part 2 paragraph 12.35 of the Constitution:

20/00106 - Infection Control Fund

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with the council's governance arrangements, all significant or Key Decisions must be listed in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and should be submitted to the relevant Cabinet Committee for endorsement or recommendation prior to the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet.
- 1.2 For the reason set out below it has not been possible for this decision to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet. Therefore, in accordance with process as set out in Part 2 paragraph 12.35 of the Constitution, the following decision was taken and published to all Members of this Cabinet Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.

2. Decision

- 1.1 On 1 October 2020 the government wrote to Local Authorities announcing that the Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund (first introduced in May 2020) was being extended until 31 March 2021, with an extra £546m of funding. This is a new grant with revised conditions from the original Infection Control Fund.
- 1.2 It is expected the grant will be fully spent on infection control measures (as outlined in the grant determination letter) by 31 March 2021. The guidance is clear that 'spent' means that expenditure has been incurred on or before 31 March.
- 1.3 The guidance states that local authorities should prioritise passing on the 'per bed'/'per user' allocation (as outlined below) to care homes and CQC-regulated community care providers (domiciliary care, extra care and supported living) in their geographical area. It is expected, where possible, this will take no longer than 20 working days upon receipt of the funding in a local authority, subject to providers meeting the conditions as stated in the local authority circular (October 2020).
- 1.4 It is unclear at this time whether further Infection Control Funding will become available either before or post 31 March 2021, therefore as part of this decision it is proposed that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, also agrees to accept any future additional Infection Control Funding should it become available which will be allocated in line with the guidance and terms and conditions issued by government.

3. Recommendation

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4. Background documents

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