

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – URGENT RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

Roger Gough – Leader of the Council

**DECISION NO:**

20/00111

**For Publication****Key decision: YES**

**As Leader of the Council**, I agree to:

- 1) Accept the £891,000 Funding for Support to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV)
- 2) Approve distribution of this funding to the District and Borough Councils in Kent according to the number of CEV people in their area to provide the support in line with Government guidance.
- 3) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Finance to distribute the funding and take associated relevant actions including, but not limited to, entering into contract or other legal agreements as necessary to implement this decision.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

On 2 November MHCLG wrote to KCC to inform us that there are 60,975 Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) individuals who would have to take special care during the 4-week period in which the whole country is having to adopt stringent public health measures and beyond. Government provided advice and guidance to CEVs, and is expecting local government to:

- contact all CEV individuals
- assess food and basic support needs
- facilitate the delivery of that support, but with a clear expectation that in the majority of cases the individuals will look to family and friends first, use priority slots supermarket deliveries, etc, so that only a minority will need direct support.

**Financial Implications:**

KCC has been provided with £891,000 additional funding to support CEV people – no direct impact on KCC's existing budget is expected.

**Reason for Urgency:**

The Government grant has been provided on the basis of providing the support as soon as possible. Confirmation of the funding and required arrangements was only provided by the Government recently so there is insufficient time to follow the standard governance timeframe for Executive Decisions.

**Member and other consultation:**

No Cabinet Committee consultation possible due to urgency process.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, in addition to agreeing that the decision could not be reasonably deferred provided the following comments:

Mr Booth supported the decision.

The Group Spokespeople of the Scrutiny Committee providing the following comments:

Mr Bird supported the decision.

The Chair and Group Spokespeople of the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee provided the following comments:

No comments.

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

There is a clear need for some vulnerable CEV individuals to be supported, so the option of not accepting the funding was quickly rejected. KCC considered whether any of the resource should be used centrally to e.g. commission a company to provide emergency food on a call-off basis, but the demand for such action has not been observed.

**Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**

None



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signed

30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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