

Covid-19 Decision Log – 26th February 2021

Item No	Key Decision	Decision Maker	Decision	Reason for decision	Total Value of the decision and Budget Implication (500k revenue or 1 mill capital)	Are 2 or more Wards Impacted?	Date of Decision	Members briefed
1.	Yes	Interim Director Regulation & Enforcement Acting Director of Neighbourhoods	Reduced licence fees for traders on the Rag Market and Open Market. To apply a 50% reduction in licence fees for non-essential traders and a 25% reduction for essential traders, considered on a case by case basis where traders can demonstrate loss of income. This reduction to apply to the current lockdown period, backdated to the commencement of the Tier 4 restrictions in Birmingham (30 th December 2020 until the end of the current national lockdown) and any future lockdown periods related to Covid 19.	To support those traders experiencing severe financial hardship due to trading restrictions incurred during lockdown periods. Without further support it may no longer be financially viable for some traders to return to the markets which will impact on the overall viability of the markets post lockdown. To support the strategic outcome “Birmingham: an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in”.	£7.5k per week/ £90k	Yes	02.02.2021	Cabinet Member
2.	Yes	Director of Adults Social Care	To agree the distribution of the Council’s allocation from Adult Social Care Rapid Testing Fund to care home and community care providers in Birmingham in accordance with the Local Authority Circular published on 15 January 2021	To allow the Council to distribute the nationally mandated Rapid Testing Fund and do so in accordance with the Grant Conditions.	Approves the allocation directly to Birmingham located care homes of 100% of the Rapid Testing Fund (£2.408m) in a single payment in February 2021 – on a ‘per bed’ basis and in accordance with the Grant Determination	All wards	10.02.2021	Cabinet Members Adults Health & Social Care
3.	Yes	Director of Digital & Customer Services	Agreement to implement support for 61,000 households with up to £275 off their council tax	The Government has provided grant funding of £14.5 million (plus £2 million carried forward) for people needing financial support in the pandemic. The Council has decided to utilise this to provide support to those on low incomes and in receipt of council tax support.	£14.5 million for 2021/22 plus £2 million carried forward from 2020/21 underspend	All wards affected	23.02.2021	Leader
4.	Yes	Director of Adults Social Care	To agree the distribution of the Council’s allocation from the Adult Social Care Workforce Capacity Fund to care home and community care providers in Birmingham in accordance with the Guidance published on 29 January 2021.	To allow the Council to distribute the nationally mandated Workforce Capacity Fund and do so in accordance with the Grant Conditions	£2,800,148.00	All Wards	22/02/2021	Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health

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5.	Yes	Interim Director Regulation & Enforcement	Amendment to funeral services (additional 4pm service time) at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium. The coffin will be held over and the cremation will take place on the next working day. The additional appointments are available from week commencing 8 th February 2021.	To respond to the increased demand for funerals a 4pm service time has been re-introduced at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium. It is hoped that the additional capacity will ease waiting times for families.	N/A	Yes	05.02.2021	Cabinet Member