

Covid-19 Decision Log –15th July 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	Director City Operations	<p>In relation to individuals provided accommodation and subsistence under 'everyone-in' who have status in the UK that precludes access to public assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All efforts continue to be taken to secure suitable alternative accommodation and sustainment for individuals Where there is no suitable alternative accommodation and the individual is making all reasonable efforts to secure an alternative, provision is extended in line with government Covid-19 review dates (6 weeks extension unless announcement is different, based on 5 weekly review and 1 week additional notice) This is funded through remaining RSI Transition funding and existing £200k Covid-19 provision This provision is in place to protect those already accommodated through 'everyone-in' in response to the pandemic. 	<p>Advice from Birmingham Public Health colleagues has been sought in advance of this decision. The advice being "In view of the current situation with the infection rate of variants of concern rising and the fact that we now have also identified cases amongst the homeless population, the public health risks are still present." Monika Rozanski, Service Manager – Health Protection Response.</p> <p>It is noted that government will announce on the 14th June 2021 the extent to which lockdown will ease on the 21st June 2021. It was timetabled as the earliest date on which all restrictions would be lifted. Current commentary (at time of decision making) suggests that some restrictions may remain.</p> <p>To protect these individuals and the public provision to continue while restrictions remain.</p>	£50,000	Yes	14.06.2021	Cabinet Member Neighbourhoods
2.	Yes	Director City Operations	<p>The report summarises the Council's position in relation to its contract with Birmingham Community Leisure Trust (BCLT) for the operation of 9 community sport facilities affected by COVID-19. It sets out the options for the Council in supporting the provider through the pandemic and recommends that their application for supply chain support measures is supported in line with the emergency process set out by the Business and Economic Recovery Cell.</p> <p>The supplier relief programme seeks to utilise open book accounting to make our suppliers in a "no better, no worse" position without the delays and costs associated with lengthy contractual disputes, while at the same time providing our leisure operators with the confidence to be able to respond to the government announcements on re-opening and operating under Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Having followed this process previously BCLT were awarded £1.142m for the period 1st April thru 31st June 2020 (Quarter 1), £1.172m for the</p>	<p>During the 2020/21 financial year Central Government announced on several occasions the temporary closure and/or associated operational restrictions of all gyms and leisure centres as part of its COVID-19 response to stop the spread of infection. The Health Protection (Coronavirus Business Closure) (England) Regulations 2020 and subsequent related legislation is interpreted by leisure operators nationwide as an effective 'change of law' in contractual terms. The Council has not accepted this position contractually, but this supplier relief payment is recommended as the most economical and outcome to avoid the alternative of all resulting liabilities falling to the Council.</p>	£1.913m	All wards	28.06.2021	Leader & Cabinet Member Adults Health & Social Care

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			<p>period 1st July thru 30th September (Quarter 2), and £1.145m for the period 1st October thru 31st December (Quarter 3). This decision concerns BCLT's claim for the period 1st January thru 31st March 2021 (quarter 4) and is for £1.913m.</p> <p>This decision is being made in line with Council guidance to maintain payments to suppliers it identifies as being at risk, as required under the Policy Procurement Note (PPN) – Supplier relief due to COVID-19, Action Note PPN 02/20, issued by MHCLG in March 2020</p>					
3.	Yes	Director – Adults Social Care	<p>Authorises the extension of the contract to Birmingham Community Health Care NHS Foundation Trust for the ongoing provision of an Infection Prevention Control service for the regulated adult social care provider market for the estimated sum of £278,000 to commence immediately and ending the 31 March 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The estimated sum of £278,000 utilises Infection Control and Testing Fund Grant monies provided to Birmingham City Council from the Department of Health and Social Care. This is allocated out of an overall £5.7m allocated to the city in April 2021, to address ongoing risks of COVID outbreaks in care settings. This expenditure has already been approved under Chief Officer decision "Infection Control and Testing Fund" of 29 April 2021. 	<p>Extending the service will allow the known practice issues that Covid has highlighted (as supported by the data above) to be addressed and for further change in practice, knowledge and skills in relation to IPC to be embedded across the sector. It will also allow for a complete baseline of IPC practice in all care homes as part of our Recovery Response and allow us to integrate IPC auditing within our ongoing quality framework under Business As Usual in future.</p>	£278,000	All wards	21.05.2021	Cabinet Member Adults Health & Social Care