	Agenda Item: 11
Report to:	Local Covid Outbreak Engagement Board
Date:	26 th January 2022
TITLE:	TEST AND TRACE BUDGET OVERVIEW
Organisation:	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer:	Justin Varney

Report Type:	For discussion
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- 1. Purpose:
- 1.1 To inform the Board of the planned spend of the allocated test and trace budget
- 2. Recommendation:
- 2.1 The Board is asked to note for discussion at the meeting.
- 3. Report Body:

	2021/22			2022/23			
Spend item	Original Budget	Projected Commitments (Inc. actuals)	Underspend / Overspend (According to original Budget)	Original Budget	Projected Commitments (Inc. actuals)	Underspend / Overspend (According to original Budget)	
Total	19,181,000	18,690,125	490,875	7,848,000	5,081,535	2,766,465	
Staffing	3,263,000	3,154,539	108,461	1,632,000	1,665,761	(33,761)	
Asymptomatic Testing Contingency	1,113,000	292,491	820,509	557,000	734,400	(177,400)	
Testing Facilities	145,000	114,548	30,452	73,000	45,900	27,100	
Community swabbing and support	662,000	1,539,845	(877,845)	331,000	384,400	(53,400)	
Test & Trace system - Software licence, implementation & support	165,000	108,397	56,603	83,000	0	83,000	
Local contact tracing	865,000	915,514	(50,514)	433,000	740,798	(307,798)	
Whistleblowing	77,000	50,478	26,522	39,000	38,254	746	
Isolation Support	500,000	92,494	407,506	250,000	87,957	162,043	
Communications	961,000	250,745	710,255	481,000	127,500	353,500	
Health and wellbeing support	546,000	373,410	172,590	249,000	82,238	166,763	
Training	10,000	0	10,000	5,000	0	5,000	
Translation services	60,000	61,460	(1,460)	30,000	25,500	4,500	
Other Costs	47,000	10,689	36,311	24,000	10,404	13,596	
Contingency	2,624,000	0	2,624,000	1,315,000	0	1,315,000	
Wave 3 response	3,450,000	10,048,000	(6,598,000)	0	0	0	
Enforcement support incl Covid Marshalls	2,826,000	1,677,517	1,148,483	1,412,000	1,138,423	273,577	
Supporting compliance	1,867,000	0	1,867,000	934,000	0	934,000	

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The table above shows the actual spend for the first 9 periods of the current financial Year (April to December 2021). This table includes all spend items that are reported to and paid from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF)

3.2 Spend funded from other sources

The following table shows expenditure from different funding sources

*Department of Health & Social Care, **Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

Spend item	Spend to date 2020/21	Budget for 2021/22	
Asymptomatic Testing *	1,852,205	Reimbursed via grant	
Operation Eagle *	85,000	} 440,000	
Community Champions Fund **	275,944		
Total	2,213,149		

4. Clarification Notes to the report:

Out of the total projected budget £27,029m (this value split between two financial years accordingly: 2021/22: £19,181m and 2022/23: £7.848m) total actual spend by the end of December 2021 is £4,722m.

Budget and expenses are as follows:

Staffing, out of planned £3,263m in 2021/22 we spent £2,163m, this is on track with the forecast, and we don't assume any overspend.

Asymptomatic Testing Contingency, minor spend on this line (£292,5k) due to the fact that additional fund was forecasted to cover this activity in case DHSC fund ends; because DHSC fund has now been extended for the period Jan22-Mar22, hence why we only included extension of the service for the period Apr2022-Sept2022 (£734k).

Testing Facilities, £44,5k already spent out of £114,5k, financial resource reserved mainly for winter maintenance and equipment for testing sites.

Community Swabbing and Support estimated budget of £ 933k over two financial years already committed to cover Contract with Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCHC) which ended in September 2021 as well as contract extension until end of September 2022 (£950k over two financial years.

Software, commitments estimated as £108,3k out of £165k budgeted, this should be invoiced shortly after DPH decision approval, we are in process of planning for the rest of the money to be allocated at further IT software for Health Protection Response Team. The DPH document to follow.

Local Contact Tracing, Isolation Support & Whistleblowing, all activities are related to Local Contact Tracing Team, service has now been extended until end of September 2022.

This line will also cover Test and Trace Support Payment (TTST) which were carried on from April 2021 and are extended now until end of September 2022. This wasn't included when Budget was planned hence why there is overspend on this position at £358.3k over two financial years.

Communications, most of the cost has been charged against different fund (Community Champions Fund) our projection (£250,7) is lower than budgeted (£961k). Our plan is to allocate some of the unused funds to the Vaccination Project which will focus on raising vaccination in Birmingham.

Health and Wellbeing Support, out of budgeted £546k we are committing £373,4k. This will be allocated to cover food insecurity, fluoridation, and support for carers hub.

Translation Services, Commitments at £61,4k includes cost related to Vaccination pilots and other translation costs for community team.

Other Costs, planned £10,6k out of the £47k budgeted, reserved amount for spend related to Test and Trace Team (administration etc).

Contingency, commitments at £1,033.5m for Extension of the Swabbing Contract with BCHC and to cover Contact Centre activities related to Test and Trace Support Payment (TTST) which were carried on from April 2021 and are extended now until end of September 2022.

Wave 3 Response, forecast includes £10m for City Wide covid pressures.

Enforcement Support including Covid Marshalls, Projection of £1.677.5m for Covid Marshalls, Park Marshalls and Covid Enforcement Officers to cover Covid compliance within the area. Service now extended until end of September 2022. Service has been increased by 50% capacity in April 2021 as emergency decision to support Covid controls and Health Protection Safety of Commonwealth Games.

Support Compliance, Budgeted £1,867m, no commitments yet.

From financial year 2021/22 budgeted at £19,181m commitments are £18,654m with actual spend £4,297.8m, and further £490.9k still to be allocated.

Financial year 2022/23, budgeted at £7,848m with commitments at £5,082 and further allocation at £2,766m

Fisk Analysis: Risk Analysis: Identified Likelihood Impact Actions taken Delayed Re-Charges High Apparent underspends On Going communication with relevant department regarding re-charges. - In Process

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