

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member




## REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – HCD11 20/21

Decision	
1	<b>Title of decision:</b> COVID19 Discretionary Test & Trace Support Scheme Extension
2	<b>Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title):</b> Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development)
3	<b>Report author and contact details:</b> Andy Ralphs (Strategic Director Customer and Corporate Services) 01752 304185 andy.ralphs@plymouth.gov.uk
4	<p><b>Decision to be taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the decision of the 10/11/20 it is proposed to extend the discretionary Test and Trace Support Scheme until 31 March 2021. This will run alongside the main scheme that ends on the same date.</li> <li>• To allocate funding to support the continuation of the scheme of up to £17,000 this allows some additional demand in addition to mitigate against any rise in demand due to an increase in local testing.</li> <li>• To set aside a further £50,000 from the Test &amp; Trace Support Grant should the forecasted demands increase. The responsibility for this will be delegated to the S151 and the Strategic Director of Customer &amp; Corporate Services.</li> </ul>
5	<b>Reasons for decision:</b> The Council received £120,500 in funding for the discretionary scheme, against a current spend of £123,500 as of the 22/01/21. At the time of writing the government had announced that no further funding will be provided to support this scheme which means we would either have to end or fund from other Covid resources. Our overriding objective must be to protect our communities and look after the most vulnerable. If we had to end the scheme those who are financially vulnerable and unable to look after themselves, or their families may return to work putting others at risk of infection.
6	<p><b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p> <p>To end the discretionary Test and Trace Support Scheme.</p>
7	<b>Financial implications:</b> On current volumes, an additional £17,000 will be needed to extend the scheme until 31 March 2021. It is exceedingly difficult to accurately predict demand as it is dependent on the impact and duration of current government restrictions and impact on virus transmission rates, testing volumes as well as employment rates in the city.

8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact <a href="#">Democratic Support</a> for further advice)		Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
				X	in the case of <b>capital</b> projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of <b>£3million</b> in total
				X	in the case of <b>revenue</b> projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of <b>£1 million</b>
				X	is <b>significant</b> in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising <b>two or more</b> wards in the area of the local authority.
If yes, date of publication of the notice in the <a href="#">Forward Plan of Key Decisions</a>		N/A			
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:		This is an urgent decision in an pandemic situation which will support some of our most financially vulnerable families and encourage working customers to self-isolate when required to do so by NHS Test and Trace		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)		None		
<b>Urgent decisions</b>					
11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?		Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support ( <a href="mailto:democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk">democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk</a> ) for advice)
					(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency: So we are able to continue the scheme beyond the 31 <sup>st</sup> January COVID19 priorities to support some of our most financially vulnerable residents.				
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:	Councillor Mary Aspinall	Date		
	Scrutiny Committee name:	Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee			
	Print Name:	Councillor Mary Aspinall			
<b>Consultation</b>					
13a	Are any other Cabinet members'		Yes		

	<b>portfolios affected by the decision?</b>	<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>(If no go to section 14)</b>
<b>I3b</b>	<b>Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?</b>			
<b>I3c</b>	<b>Date Cabinet member consulted</b>			
<b>I4</b>	<b>Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>I5</b>	<b>Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?</b>	<b>Name</b>	Andy Ralphs Ruth Harrell Giles Perritt	
		<b>Job title</b>	(Strategic Director) (Director of Public Health) (Asst Chief Executive)	
		<b>Date consulted</b>	<b>CEMT 21 January 2021</b>	
<b>Sign-off</b>				
<b>I6</b>	<b>Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:</b>	<b>Democratic Support (mandatory)</b>	DS96 20/21	
		<b>Finance (mandatory)</b>	ba.20.21.229	
		<b>Legal (mandatory)</b>	lt/36123/050221	
		<b>Human Resources (if applicable)</b>		
		<b>Corporate property (if applicable)</b>		
		<b>Procurement (if applicable)</b>		
<b>Appendices</b>				
<b>I7</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Title of appendix</b>		
	A	Briefing report		
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment ( <i>where required</i> ) not required, redirection of allocated funds in order to best support emerging COVID19 priorities		
<b>Confidential/exempt information</b>				
<b>I8a</b>	<b>Do you need to include any</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II')

	<b>confidential/exempt information?</b>			briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in <b>18b</b> below.  (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)						
		<b>No</b>	x							
				<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>18b</b>	<b>Confidential/exempt briefing report title:</b>									
<b>Background Papers</b>										
<b>19</b>	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.  Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.									
<b>Title of background paper(s)</b>				<b>Exemption Paragraph Number</b>						
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Cabinet Member Signature</b>										
<b>20</b>	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.									
<b>Signature</b>					<b>Date of decision</b>			16 February 2021		
<b>Print Name</b>		Councillor Chris Penberthy								