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*Charging arrangements for the food parcels to be supplied to
residents isolated or shielding during the Coronavirus-19
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Under the Emergency Urgency Decision powers, the Chief Executive has taken a decision regarding the charging arrangements for the food parcels to be supplied to residents isolated or shielding during the Coronavirus-19 Pandemic.

The decision was taken in consultation with the Leader of the Council Councillor Peter Lamb and Leader of the Opposition Councillor Duncan Crow, who both confirmed their full support for the emergency decision.

A copy of the full decision is included.



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RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER EMERGENCY URGENCY POWERS

SUMMARY OF DECISION TO BE TAKEN:

A decisions to agree the charging arrangements for the food parcels to be supplied to residents isolated or shielding during the Coronavirus-19 Pandemic.

ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE : Cabinet, Executive function

RELEVANT PERSONS CONSULTED: Leader of the Council, Councillor Peter Lamb and Leader of the Opposition Councillor Duncan Crow. Consultation was undertaken on Thursday 2nd April 2020 and both confirmed their full support for this decision.

DECISION MADE: Agreement to introduce a charging schedule for the supply of emergency food parcels that are to be provided by Crawley Borough Council in the absence of no other supply or delivery mechanism such as friends, family, neighbours, on-line delivery or volunteers.

The purpose of the council stepping in to provide food is to support:

1. Those individuals identified by the Government as the 'shielded' group and who have been told to isolate for a period of 12 weeks. CBC are currently picking up food deliveries for these individuals until the Government arranged doorstep packages arrive. However, as yet we are unaware of any being delivered in the Crawley area.
2. Others self-isolating in shielded households, who are actively trying to restrict their movements in order to protect those most vulnerable. I.e. those with caring spouse/partner responsibilities, shielded young children or children of the shielded.
3. Those over 70 years of age or are high risk due to underlying health conditions.
4. Those who may find themselves having to self-isolate with either Covid-19 or associated symptoms i.e. 7-14 days.

CBC will only provide emergency food to those who are unable to obtain food through other means i.e. via friends, family, neighbours, on-line delivery or from the voluntary sector. Significant progress is being made with local volunteers to underpin our Crawley offer.

The food charging arrangements agreed are to be applied as follows:

Band 1- 0% charge to those in receipt of Statutory Sick pay and no other benefits.

Band 2 – 50% charge to those in receipt of benefits

Band 3- 100% charge to all others

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We anticipate that the value of each food parcel is approximately £16. These are emergency food parcels and not food picked to order. If individuals require other items such as nappies, sanitary products, pet food etc. these will need to be charged on top of this with no discounts.

REASONS FOR DECISION AND FURTHER INFORMATION: The Covid -19 pandemic has required a rapid local response to ensure that individuals and families in Crawley are not left without food whilst they are isolating for short of long periods of time.

I hereby agree that I will take the decision as set out above, for the reasons detailed, under the Council's Emergency Urgency Powers.



Chief Executive

Date: 3rd April 2020