

Since the publication of the Full Council agenda the Chief Executive has again had to use her Urgent Action and as such in line with the Call-In Procedure Rule 8.3, which is set out in the Council's Constitution, the Council is required to be informed when the Chief Executive has protected a decision from Call-In.

The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and under the Urgent Action decision making powers set out in the Constitution also took the following decision on 10 July 2021 to agree the allocation of Contain Outbreak Management Government Funding (COMF) of £642,362. The first round of funding was allocated to county councils in March 2021, of which WSCC allocated £474,808 to Crawley Borough Council. This decision was reported in Councillors' Information Bulletin [IB/1088](#). In April 2021, a further round of funding was announced and £167,553.74 allocated to CBC (which is yet to be received).

The release of the grant is dependent on WSCC providing a monitoring return on how the COMF allocation for 2020/21 has been used. There is also a requirement for CBC to report in the monthly 'Delta return' on Covid-19 spend for the additional £167,553.74. Any unspent grant must be returned to WSCC/the Government. Expenditure on the COMF will be reported to councillors through the quarterly budget monitoring process. The purpose of the COMF is to provide support to councils towards expenditure lawfully incurred (or to be incurred) in relation to the mitigation against and management of local outbreaks of Covid-19, working to break the chain of transmission and protect the most vulnerable.

As a result of use the Urgent Action a revised Recommendation 4 is proposed for Full Council consider (changes are shown in ***Bold italics***)

RECOMMENDATION 4

The Full Council is requested to note the use of the Protection from Call-In provision by the Chief Executive in respect of the decisions taken by the Chief Executive relating to the District Heat Network's Heat Tariff ***and Additional Discretionary Council Tax Discount and Contain Outbreak Management Funding*** which were taken on 5 May 2021, 13 May 2021 and ***10 July 2021*** respectively.