


**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF OPERATIONAL DECISION**



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Date: 22nd May 2020	Ref No: 2048	
Type of Operational Decision:		
Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council Decision <input type="checkbox"/>	
Status:		
Title/Subject matter:		
Extraordinary Expenditure Fund for Adult Social Care Providers		
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance – Is the decision:		
(i) within an Approved Budget	X	
(ii) in accordance with Council Policy		
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]		
Details of Operational Decision Taken [with reasons]:		
<p>Permission to approve an Extraordinary Fund for Bury Care Homes to apply for re-imburement to Providers of “extraordinary expenditure” during the Coronavirus pandemic. Extraordinary expenditure is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) not being included in instances defined elsewhere eg for PPE, staffing etc; and ii) with an underlying rationale of support where: inflated costs have been incurred, to ensure safe operations of services, related to COVID 19. 		
Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:
Joint Chief Finance Officer (CCG & LA)		
Interim Executive Director - Communities & Wellbeing		8.6.20
Head of Workforce – Communities & Wellbeing		

Members Consulted [see note 1 below]		
Cabinet Member/Chair		8.6.20
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. It is not generally a requirement to consult with any Members on Operational Decisions but where a Chief Officer considers it necessary to consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member and/or Lead Member, they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained to confirm that he/she has been consulted.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**

Background

As part of managing the COVID 19 pandemic, Bury Council has made offers of support to Providers across Bury, which encompasses several aspects; for example, access to and funding of PPE; access to and funding of staff. However, there is a recognition that, due to the exceptional nature of the current circumstances arising from C19, there may be other, unforeseen expenditure e.g. inflated costs or other expenditure which is incurred for the purpose of keeping operational services running safely.

Hence, the proposal to implement the Exceptional Expenditure Fund, which allows for the fact that we cannot foresee and be specific about all types of expenditure which may be incurred, despite our best efforts.

Proposal

A draft application form has been developed that is embedded within this report. It outlines the basic scope of the Fund, and the process of applying.



Extraordinary
Expenditure Fund A

The COVID Provider Offer previously agreed included offers to support areas such as PPE and staffing that were clearly going to be significant pressures for Providers. The offer also included an offer of support for unforeseen expenditure associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. It was felt important to include an offer of additional support in light of the difficulty in forecasting the potential impacts on other areas of our Providers' business. This utilised the COVID-19 fund allocated to Bury Council/CCG.

There is basic criteria which must be met, for example money awarded is to be used **ONLY** for purposes for which it is granted, any unspent money must be returned to the Council etc, however, there is no additional criteria which specifies what the

money must/must not be spent on. Whilst this is unusual, it recognizes the exceptional nature of the circumstances the Providers find themselves in.

Decision

Support is required for the approach outlined above. We aim for this project to be up and running within one week of approval so Providers can receive the additional support as soon as possible.