

CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION		PART 1 (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
Proposed Decision Maker (please name person or body proposing to take decision, if an officer also state title)			Date for Decision
Leader of the Council			8 April 2020
Title: Supporting Warwickshire's Care Market with Additional Cost Pressures as a Result of COVID-19			
Summary of Matter <p>Local authorities in England have been provided with a COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant to support them in meeting the additional financial burden anticipated over the coming months, due to the consequences of the spread of the Coronavirus. This grant needs to fund support across the range of responsibilities the local authority has; not just social care. Warwickshire has been allocated approximately £14 million to date.</p> <p>There is a national expectation from the LGA, NHSE and ADASS that local authorities will actively support the sustainability of the provider market through this grant.</p> <p>The Council has outlined actions to support the market relating to paying for planned care; agreeing reasonable variations to planned care; improving the timeliness of payments and compensating providers for the following pressures that arise due to Covid-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional sick pay costs • Additional staff costs, e.g., backfilling, the use of prolonged agency staff • Additional infection control costs • Additional cost of essential supplies • Additional travel costs incurred by front line staff or office staff • The use of any alternative building base that may be required if your usual venue has closed <p>The Council has developed guidelines for providers to outline what is considered to be appropriate and reasonable.</p>			

Proposed Decision

That the Leader of the Council approve the payment of costs to Warwickshire commissioned care providers in line with the guidelines developed by the council.

Reasons for urgency

An urgent decision is required of the Leader to support the payment of funds to commissioned community care providers in Warwickshire to support with additional cost pressures as a result of the Coronavirus emergency.

Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? *[please identify relevant plan/budget provision]*

No

PART 2 (to be completed by the person giving consent)

Name	Councillor Nicola Davies
Office Held	Chair of Council

Signed

Nicola Davies

Date consent is given	8 April 2020
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