

Notice of a proposal to take a Key Decision
without it having been on the forward plan for 28 clear days

To Chairman of Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee

This is to formally notify you that it is proposed to take the following decision:

Allocation of financial support to the voluntary, community and health sector in Essex to assist in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak

The proposal is to enter into the necessary contractual and other grant arrangements to :

1. To grant funding to the Essex Community Foundation to support the voluntary and community sector in Essex. The funding shall be distributed by the Essex Community Foundation in accordance with criteria set by the Council.
2. To grant funding to the Essex Association of Local Councils to support mutual aid groups in their response to the COVID outbreak. The funding shall be distributed by the Essex Association of Local Councils in accordance with criteria set by the Council.
3. To grant funding, to be distributed directly by the Council, to medium sized third sector organisations working on the frontline to meet increased demand for services from COVID-19.
4. To grant funding to 11 Volunteer Centres in Essex to support the volunteer centre network.
5. To vary an existing contract with Provide CIC to include additional administration services to support the Volunteering Tactical Coordination Group .
6. To make a payment to the Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust and the East Suffolk and North East Essex NHS Foundation Trust to support projects such as transport to vaccination appointments, campaigns to encourage take-up of the vaccine and supporting patients to self-isolate.
7. To vary an existing contract with Essex Cares Limited to include additional services to support those with sensory needs.
8. For officers to agree the terms of the grant criteria to be applied above, the terms of which shall be consistent with the COMF national guidelines.

It is proposed that the decision will be taken by:

Cllr David Finch

The decision is considered to be urgent because:

The reason this decision is urgent and cannot wait 28 days is that the Council needs to be able to distribute this funding as soon as possible to support the

voluntary and community sector in supporting residents at this time of high infection rates and tier 4 restrictions.

It is proposed that the decision will be taken not less than five clear days from the date this notice was given to you. A copy of this notice will be placed on the Council's website.

If you would like more information about this matter please contact the decision maker or the person named below:

Emma Tombs, Democratic Services Manager

Notice given by

Paul Turner

Director, Legal and Assurance and Proper Officer for this purpose

Date of notice:

02.02.2021