

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DECISION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### SECTION A

**DATE OF DECISION:**

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**PORTFOLIO AREA:**

**Community and Leisure Portfolio**

**SUBJECT TITLE:** *Delegation of Authority to the Head of Community and Leisure Services to administer the Support to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals funding.*

It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.

### SECTION B – IDENTITY OF THE “DECISION-MAKER”

**Name of Officer:**

**Andrew Ferrier**

**Title:**

**Chief Executive**

Pursuant to Delegated Powers as set out in paragraph (2) of “Delegations to Chief Executive” in Part 3 of the Constitution, namely

“To do anything, in consultation with the Leader, which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of the Council’s functions subject to:

- (i) the matter being regarded as an emergency or urgent situation; and
- (ii) a report back to the Council, Cabinet or Committee concerned. “

### SECTION C – SUMMARY

#### Background

Over the past months, the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has issued updated guidance to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) Groups on how to best protect or ‘shield’ themselves.

Recognising the additional pressures on Councils that this would create, MHCLG has provided funding to Councils to support CEV individuals. Funding is calculated on a per-head CEV individual basis. Funding is provided via a non-ring fenced grant to provide maximum flexibility but Councils are expected to use the funding to deliver the activities and outcomes outlined in the Shielding Framework including (but not limited to) setting up and managing a local system, contacting CEV individuals, assessing the basic support and food needs of CEV individuals and facilitating delivery of that support where necessary and reporting on that delivery.

Funding is paid to Upper Tier Local Authorities with further distribution to lower tiers. Of the £760,000 paid to Hampshire County Council, £515,519 is distributed to the Districts, with Test Valley Borough Council receiving £41,517.04.

The Council intends to repeat the successful model utilised in distributing previous similar grants in working with and providing funding to third sector organisations who have the expertise to deliver the required outcomes.

### SECTION D – THE DECISION

“That authority is given to the Head of Community and Leisure Services to implement and administer the “Support to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals funding”, including, if appropriate, allocation of funding third party providers in order to deliver the required support.”

### ***SECTION E – REASONS FOR THE DECISION***

***The decision-maker's reasons for making the decision recorded in Section D:***

Administration of the Support to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals funding does not fall within the scope of existing delegated authority.

Given the need to administer funds and deliver support speedily and flexibly an urgent decision is required.

## SECTION F – DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The options are:

1. to give delegated authority to the Head of Communities and Leisure Service to implement and administer the funding; or
2. to refer the decision to Council.

Option 1 is the preferred option and the basis for this decision. The Support to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals funding needs to be delivered expeditiously and an urgent decision is therefore required.

## SECTION G – OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

## SECTION H – BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were taken into consideration when making the decision:

1. COVID-19 Guidance to Local Authorities on support to Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals (including where shielding is reintroduced) 30 December 2020.

## SECTION I – Any Conflict of Interest Declared and Dispensation Granted

None applicable.

We certify that the decision this document records was made Pursuant to Delegated Powers as set out in paragraph (2) of "Delegations to Chief Executive" in Part 3 of the Constitution and is a true and accurate record or minute of that decision.

Chief Executive:



Dated:

2/3/21

The Leader of the Council



Dated:

2/3/21

