

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS**

<b>Decision No:</b>	<b>D200012EM</b>
<b>Decision Taken By:</b>	Leader of the Borough Council
<b>Authority under which Decision Taken:</b>	Emergency provisions for decision making during a period of serious and unexpected disruption under Part 7 of the Constitution.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Executive Key Decision
<b>Date:</b>	12 October 2020

**Decision(s) and Reason(s)**

**TEST AND TRACE SUPPORT PAYMENTS**

From 29 September 2020 there was a new legal duty on those who tested positive for Covid-19, or identified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, to self-isolate.

To assist people on low incomes who were unable to work while they were self-isolating because they could not work from home the Government was providing funding for a new (Standard) Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme.

In addition, Government had decided that local authorities should administer a 'discretionary' scheme alongside the (Standard) Test and Trace Support Scheme. Whilst it was for local authorities to determine the criteria, Government guidance was that this should match the main scheme but allowing discretion for where one of the criteria was not met.

The Borough Council was required to adopt policies for the distribution of the self-isolation payments. A draft policy (attached at Annex 2) covered payments in respect of the standard Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. A further draft policy (attached at Annex 3) covered any discretionary payments that might be appropriate to make with regard to Test and Trace.

**RESOLVED:** That:

- the Test and Trace Support Payments Scheme (Standard) set out at Annex 2 be approved;
- the Test and Trace Discretionary Payments Scheme at Annex 3 be approved.

Taken in accordance with the Emergency Provisions set out at Part 7 Paragraph 1.3 of the Constitution and in agreement with the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny

Committee.

Signed Leader:

N Heslop

Signed Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

J Sergison

Signed Chief Executive:

J Beilby

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This decision is urgent and therefore not subject to call-in (in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 15 (i) as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution) and may be implemented immediately.