

Supplementary Estimate

Summary

As a result of the covid 19 pandemic all people over the age of 70-years; those with underlying health conditions (i.e. anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds) and those pregnant are recommended to take stringent measures to social distance themselves from other people. This is in addition to those required to self-isolate because they or anyone in their family have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19). This could cause considerable hardship to large numbers of residents throughout the Borough. It is proposed to establish a covid 19 hardship fund to assist individuals or charities during this difficult period.

Portfolio - Leader

Date Portfolio Holder signed off report: 19 March 2020

Wards Affected

All

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to RECOMMEND to Council that;

- (i) £99,000 be agreed as a supplementary estimate to provide a covid 19 hardship fund; and
- (ii) this supplementary estimate be funded from revenue reserves.

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE

- (i) that approval to spend the supplementary estimate be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Interim) in consultation with the Leader.

1. Resource Implications

- 1.1 The proposed Supplementary Estimate for £99,000 will be funded from reserves. Should the full amount requested ultimately not be spent any balance will be returned to reserves.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the coronavirus virus (COVID-19) is having a significant impact on the community with many residents having to be isolated in their homes for periods up to 12 weeks. This is creating a significant financial burden for them.
- 2.2 A number of charities and voluntary groups have come forward to assist this vulnerable group at this time. The creation of a hardship fund will be

able to provide financial support to individuals, charities, faith and voluntary groups to support this vulnerable group during this difficult time.

3. Options

3.1 Members can accept, reject or amend the proposal.

4. Proposals

4.1 The Executive is advised to:

- (i) RECOMMEND to Council that £99,000 be granted as a supplementary estimate to provide a covid 19 hardship fund;
- (ii) RESOLVE that approval to spend be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Interim) in consultation with the Leader.

5. Supporting Information

5.1 None

6. Governance Issues

6.1 Financial Regulations set out the process for a Supplementary Estimate.

Annexes	None
Background Papers	None
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