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London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: LEADER

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Key

Title: ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDING RELATING TO COVID-19

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Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report seeks the Leader's agreement to release the 'ring fenced' funding for Next Steps Accommodation Programme, second tranche Infection Control and Emergency Assistance. The report also seeks delegation for approval of any further tranche or new grant funding relating to Covid-19.
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2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Leader is requested to approve the utilisation of
- (a) Next Steps Accommodation Programme Funding of £391k;
 - (b) The second tranche infection control funding of an estimated £1,816k (final allocation awaited);
 - (c) Emergency Assistance Grant of £279k.
- 2.2 Leader is requested to agree that the utilisation of any further funding made available to deal with the Covid-19 situation is approved by the respective Chief Officer, in consultation with the respective Portfolio Holder, Leader and Chairman of ER&C PDS Committee.
- 2.3 Leader to note that the outcome of such decisions will be included in future budget monitoring reports to the Executive.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Detailed in Appendices.
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: The proposals reflect the utilisation of additional funding available to deal with the current Covid-19 situation
 2. BBB Priority: The proposals meet the BBB priorities.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: One off costs of £2.486m (may change depending on final allocation of Infection Control Grant)
 2. Ongoing costs: No ongoing costs arising from the proposals in this report. However, there would be the longer term financial impact of the 'New Normal' which will need to be reflected in the Council's medium term financial strategy.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Various budgets heads
 4. Total current budget for this head: Mainly represents new spend matched to grant funding – not included in existing budget agreed by Executive in February 2020
 5. Source of funding: Government Grant
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Details included in Appendices
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement Non-Statutory - Government Guidance None: Further Details
 2. Call-in: Applicable Not Applicable: Further Details
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected):
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Boroughwide
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The budget monitoring report 2020/21 to the Leader on 1st July 2020 provided an update on the potential costs of the Covid-19 situation and the grant funding available. A further detailed update will be reported to the meeting of the Leader/Executive on 25th November 2020. The Council continues to seek additional funding from Government to meet the net cost of dealing with Covid-19 to reduce the impact on council tax payers.
- 3.2 This report seeks Members agreement to release the following 'ring fenced' funding:
- Next Step Accommodation Programme (£391k)
 - Infection Control – second tranche of funding (estimated £1,816k)
 - Emergency Assistance Grant (£279k)
- 3.3 The costs detailed in the Appendices will be fully met from the Government Grants.
- 3.4 Full details of the requested utilisation of the funding, provided by Directors, are detailed in Appendices 1 to 3.
- 3.5 There are further funding that will shortly be provided by Government relating to business support during lockdown and financial support to individuals who meet specified criteria who are required to self-isolate, following a NHS assessment. It is not possible to estimate the overall costs, at this stage, although the costs are expected to be matched by equivalent grant funding from Government.
- 3.6 Given the need to take urgent action to address the Covid-19 situation as it continues Members are requested to agree that the utilisation of any further funding allocated by Government to deal with the Covid-19 situation, is delegated to be approved by the respective Chief Officer, in consultation with the respective Portfolio Holder, Leader and Chairman of ER&C PDS Committee. This will help ensure that the monies can be allocated to meet any urgent need to help deal with the impact of the Covid-19 situation. The outcome of such decisions will be included in future budget monitoring reports to the Executive.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- 4.1 The Details are provided in the Appendices.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Details are provided in the Appendices.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The proposals detailed in this report as fully funded by the individual Government Grants. Full details are provided in the Appendices.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Details are provided in the Appendices. Where posts are identified they are recruited on a temporary basis to reflect the period of funding available.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Details are provided in the Appendices.

9. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Details are provided in the Appendices.

Non-Applicable Sections:	[List non-applicable sections here]
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	[Title of document and date]

NEXT STEPS ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In March 2020 the Government instructed local authorities, via the Everyone In Initiative, to immediately provide emergency accommodation for all known rough sleepers and anyone at risk of rough sleeping in order to support them as the Covid-19 pandemic took hold. Across London more than 5000 households were placed into accommodation; much of which was short term or commercial hotels. Bromley provided accommodation for approximately 70 households, the majority of whom whilst being able to access advice and support would not have been able to access an offer of accommodation via the local authority.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

- The sum of £391k be drawn down from the 2020/21 Central Contingency to implement the Next Steps Accommodation Programme

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP) was launched on the 18th of July 2020. This programme gave local authorities the opportunity to bid for financial resources in order to ensure that, of those individuals picked up during Everyone In as few as possible returned to the streets once their emergency accommodation ceased to be available. It included separate funds for: (1) shorter-term and interim accommodation, reconnections and immediate support into sustainable move-on options such as the private rented sector; and (2) longer-term move on accommodation, including capital for acquisitions, refurbishments and new build, and an attached long-term revenue stream to ensure people are supported in their new tenancies.
- 3.2 Bromley has assessed all those that were placed into emergency accommodation in order to determine their individual support needs and identify move on pathways for them. Whilst the majority have now been moved out of commercial hotels, with plans in place for those remaining, the accommodation being utilised is predominately secured on a nightly paid, temporary basis and is therefore not suitable as a settled solution. This has put an additional and unexpected burden upon housing services and budgets and is in addition to other pressures exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic such as job losses, increased rent arrears and a rise in domestic violence and parental evictions.
- 3.3 The local authority bid for funding via NSAP and was awarded the following:

	Intervention	£
1	TA costs from 1st July	£146,000
2	PRS incentives for 55 individuals @£2k each	£110,000
3	1 x PRS Officer 12 month post	£50,000
4	2 x Floating Support officer posts 6 month posts	£35,000

5	Supported Housing Placements Budget 12 placements	£36,500
6	Winter Fund for spot placements	£13,750
	Total allocated	£391,250

3.4 In addition to this, as previously reported, the local authority successfully bid upon and received Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) funding to support the establishment or enhancement of coordinated services, for rough sleepers or those at risk of sleeping rough in the local area in order to engage and support rough sleepers. Whilst some of the work had begun the main body of services were due to mobilise in March and April 2020. However, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic the funds had to be re-profiled in order to meet the changes to service needs particularly as the Everyone In initiative accelerated engagement with this cohort. This was discussed and revised in agreement with the MHCLG and we would request that these funds are also drawn down to be utilised for the purposes outlined. The funding award was as follows:

	Intervention	£
1	1 x Complex Needs Navigator	£33,654
2	Personalisation budget: provision of essential items / ID / bedding / travel warrants etc	£5,000
3	First Stage Accommodation response	£35,000
4	PRS access and incentives	£30,000
	Total Allocated	£103,654

3.5 The Homelessness code of guidance was amended to reflect the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and this has broadened the scope for those that the local authority must assist. Without the funding that has been awarded the local authority would be required to make available accommodation through the existing homelessness budgets. This funding has been provided in order to assist the local authority to manage the needs of the additional households who have been affected during this period. Whilst the funding should be sufficient to secure alternative accommodation it must be noted that the needs of some of this cohort are complex and some will require specialist provision in order to prevent a return to rough sleeping. It must also be highlighted that across the Country local authorities are assisting an increased number of households, in London alone this number exceeds 5,000 individuals, and there will be increased demand placed on an already competitive housing market, particularly stretching capacity of affordable accommodation. Therefore there is the risk that these household will experience lengthy stays in nightly paid accommodation which poses a financial risk to the Council.

3.6 In order to proactively tackle this the Housing Team are working closely with contacts in the private sector in order to facilitate multiple units of accommodation from individual landlords in order to achieve savings. Officers with specialist money management and support experience are providing additional assistance to those that are able to secure accommodation independently. We are also working proactively to try and minimise the impact of any second

wave via our Complex Needs Navigator who is working directly with partner agencies such as Thamesreach to identify any new flow coming to the streets as well as through joint working with local churches and charities in order to prevent households from becoming homeless in the first instance.

- 3.7 However, as a second wave looks likely the local authority will continue to work closely with advisors at the MHCLG and would request access to additional funding that may be made available to meet the needs of those effected by the coronavirus pandemic.

4. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Any procurement implications arising from the recommendations in this report will be managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules where necessary.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposed allocation of the £391k Next Steps Accommodation Programme funding is set out in the table below:

	£'000
Temporary Accommodation costs	146
PRS incentives for 55 individuals	110
1 x PRS Officer for 12 months	50
2 x Floating Support officers for 6 month	35
Supported Housing - 12 placements	36
Winter Fund for spot placements	14
	391

- 5.2 The total cost will be fully funded by the ring-fenced grant so there is no net impact on the Council’s budget, and it is recommended that the grant is drawn down from the 2020/21 Central Contingency to the Housing revenue budget.

- 5.3 Based on the average cost of a one-bed placement in Nightly Paid Accommodation, the estimated cost of accommodating 55 individuals would be around £300k per annum, so this work is key to mitigate the long-term impact on Housing budgets.

- 5.4 This funding is in addition to the £104k Rough Sleepers Initiative as detailed in paragraph 3.4 which was approved for draw down in July 2020.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Housing Act 1996, Part 7 (as amended) sets out the Council’s statutory homelessness duties, including the duty to provide temporary accommodation while it makes inquiries if it has reason to believe that the applicant may be homeless, eligible for assistance and in priority need.

- 6.2 The Council can rely on Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 to provide temporary accommodation together with the general power of competence in section 1 Localism Act 2011. Accommodation made available Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 strictly as provided by Schedule 1 of the Housing Act 1985 will not be a secure tenancy or license.

- 6.3 The demand for homeless accommodation has continued to increase following the implementation of the Homeless Reduction Act 2018, as the duties towards homeless

households are expanded. The Act placed a duty on councils to try to prevent homelessness and a duty on public bodies to refer people at risk of homelessness, flagging those most vulnerable to homelessness and rough sleeping so they could receive support

- 6.4 Allocation of housing must be compatible with the Council's Allocation and Homelessness duties under the Housing Act 1996. The Homelessness Code provides statutory guidance on how to interpret and apply the homelessness legislation and contains details of good practice that local authorities should adopt. It is not legally binding but local authorities are required to have regard to it .The Code has recently been updated to add further categories to those in priority need to reflect the impact of the coronavirus pandemic including people sleeping rough who should be carefully assessed, including their age and underlying health conditions.
- 6.5 On 26 March 2020, the Minister for Local Government and Homelessness wrote to local authorities asking them to urgently accommodate all rough sleepers and focus on the provision of adequate facilities to enable people to adhere to the guidance on hygiene or isolation, including for those who are at risk of sleeping rough, In a letter dated 28 May 2020, from the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing made further requests to local authorities when arranging move-on accommodation for people sleeping rough. Partly as result of these Government requests and the on-going Government agenda, Grant funding has been made available to local authorities through the Rough Sleepers Funding Infection Control, Everyone in Initiative and Next steps Accommodation Funding. Acceptance of these Grants from GLA and MHCLG under sections 31 and 32 of the Local Government Act 200) require the Council to comply with the grant conditions including monitoring and evaluation. Accordingly, officers need to fully understand and comply with the grant conditions and where necessary should seek advice and assistance.
- 6.6 The Council must make decisions in accordance with the law and also in accordance with its fiduciary duty to its taxpayers in using Council resources. The report mentions the headline benefits including the social and financial benefits that must be properly weighed up and considered before taking decisions when accepting grant and applying resources.
- 6.7 Best Value Duty Guidance and case law under the Local Government Act 1999 is applicable where authorities are reviewing service provision and making arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way its functions are exercised, an authority must regard to economy, efficiency and effectiveness in considering overall value, including economic, environmental and social value.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE INFECTION CONTROL FUND

1. Introduction

1.1. The government has announced a further instalment of the Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund with £546M to be spent nationally. The final grant details have yet to be published, however Bromley's allocation is estimated to be £1,815,705 based on the original allocation methodology. The Council received an allocation of £2.179M in the first allocation of this grant made in May 2020.

1.2.

The primary purpose of this fund is to support adult social care providers, including those with whom the local authority does not have a contract, to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission in and between care homes and support wider workforce resilience.

1.3. This report summarises the grant arrangements and details some learning from the implementation of the first allocation.

2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that:

- delegated authority is given to Director of Adult Social care to implement the Infection Control Fund up to the total value of the Bromley allocation and in accordance with the grant conditions provided by the Department for Health and Social Care.
- Where the Council has discretion to allocate the funds to providers other than care homes priority is given to domiciliary care providers.

3. Grant conditions

3.1. The government updated its guidance for the Infection Control Fund grant on 21 September 2020. It is not known whether there will be a further iteration of this guidance or the grant conditions prior to government issuing the funds to local authorities. The key conditions of the grant are presently:

3.2. General

- The grant must not be used for fee uplifts, expenditure already incurred or activities for which the local authority has earmarked or allocated expenditure or activities which do not support the primary purpose of the Infection Control Fund.
- The Council will receive the funds in two equal instalments
- The Council will report back to DHSC on how the money has been spent.

3.3. Care Homes

- 75% of the funds are to be passported to care homes on a per beds basis and whether or not the homes are supporting residents funded by the Council.
- The funds are to be spent on activities to reduce infection with an emphasis on staffing costs to enable the safe management of homes and to backfill staff who are self-isolating, etc. The funds are not for PPE or cleaning.

- Care homes are required to commit to completing the government's care homes tracker reporting on daily activity data to DHSC and commit to spending the money in accordance with the grant conditions.
- Care homes will need to certify that the money has been spent appropriately
- The Council is responsible for the distribution of the funds to care homes and will need to put in place measures to ensure that the money is spent appropriately
- Funds not spent in accordance with the grant are to be returned to the Council for redistribution to compliant care providers

3.4. Discretionary Funds

- The Council may use the other 25% as described above but do not have to. 25% of the Grant may be used on other Covid19 infection control measures payments including domiciliary care and wider workforce measures. The 21 September 2020 revision to the grant conditions included a new permission that the discretionary funds could be spent by providers on PPE

4. **Implementation of the first allocation of funds**

Care Homes

- 4.1. Care Homes were required to invoice the Council for their share of the funds and in doing so agree to abide by the grant conditions and provide evidence that the funds have been spent on infection control measures. Each care home received £1.03K per bed

Discretionary Funds

- 4.2. The discretionary funds were distributed to the Council's six extra care housing schemes and other supported housing schemes that provide personal care to residents. Similar conditions to those applied the care homes were stipulated with providers as well as a requirement to participate in infection control training.

Lessons learnt from implementation

- 4.3. All of the Bromley allocation was distributed in accordance with the grant conditions and in time to meet government requirements. Key lessons learnt from managing this first allocation were:

- Many providers needed support in choosing the right infection control support for their services. Advice was supplied by the Public Health Service
- Some providers struggled to complete the information returns for the Council to check grant compliance. More advice will be offered to providers and a simpler returns template will be created
- Some providers refused or returned the funds because they did not need this support or found compliance with the government grant conditions unhelpful. Unspent funds were redistributed but in future it would be helpful to anticipate returned funds and how they will be spent in advance
- In some case it was difficult for both the Council and providers to determine whether State Aid Rules applied. Legal advice and a disclaimer form developed by ADASS was adopted by the Council.
- Collating, checking and querying provider returns was time consuming. Deadlines for providers to supply their returns will need to be adjusted to give more time to both providers and the Council.

4.4. The implementation of the first allocation was successfully concluded and lessons for both providers and the Council may be applied to the administration of the second grant allocation.

5. The Second Allocation of Funds

5.1. The first instalment of the second allocation of funds is anticipated in October 2020 and in time to support providers over the Winter and in the event of further national and local surges in Covid-19. It is not known whether there will be a further iteration of the grant conditions.

5.2. Arrangements are being put in place to administer the grant over the autumn and winter taking lessons from managing the first allocation. The management of the grant will be adjusted to take account of any changes made to its conditions.

5.3. Where the Council has discretion to spend the grant on any providers other than care homes priority will be given to domiciliary care providers. This group of providers played a key role in supporting the Council and Bromley residents in the first wave of Covid-19 and will need and deserve more support over the coming Winter

6. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS & CHILDREN

6.1. The Grant is intended to enable providers of social care to continue to deliver in a safe manner during the continuation of the COVID-19 outbreak.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

8. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

8.1. As the Council is passporting the majority of the funding to providers rather than seeking to procure services itself, the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 will not apply. If the distribution of any of the discretionary element involves procuring services then Council will follow the regulations and its contract procedure rules.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1. The proposals outlined in this report will result in payments to adult social care providers totalling an estimated £1,816k. As set out in Section 1, the actual grant allocation has not yet been announced, so this amount assumes the same allocation methodology is used as for the first grant allocation.

9.2. The total cost will be fully funded by the ring-fenced Infection Control Fund grant so there is no net impact on the Council's budget, and it is recommended that the grant is drawn down from the 2020/21 Central Contingency to the Adult Social Care revenue budget.

9.3. If any providers do not comply with the grant conditions, or if they are unable to receive it due to State Aid restrictions, then it is proposed that the remaining funding will be spent in accordance with Section 5.

10. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct personnel implications.

11. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1. The Government through a Ministers Determination under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 allocated a ring-fenced infection control fund to provide grants to local authorities for 2020/2021
- 11.2. The primary purpose of this fund is to support adult social care providers, including those with whom the local authority does not have a contract, to reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission in and between care homes and support wider workforce resilience. A small percentage of it may be used to support domiciliary care providers and support wider workforce resilience to deal with COVID-19 infections.
- 11.3. The Council has been awarding a grant sum to providers based on CQC bed count data, The Council must comply with the grant conditions attached to the grant and ensure that recipients also comply to ensure the proper use and accounting of the grant paid. The Council has the legal power to receive and distribute the grant and to make discretionary grant determinations as permitted within the grant award. The council must have due regard to all relevant circumstances including government guidance and local need when deciding on discretionary allocations.
- 11.4. Government and ADASS guidance has addressed the issue of state aid and the Council has dispensed the grant in compliance with state aid. Officers may wish to review and update its grant administration should any further Government grant funding become available in light of the announcement of a further instalment of the Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund.

DEFRA Food and Essentials Grant Distribution - £279,372

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies is for local authorities in England to use to support people who are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to COVID-19. The grant has been split into two specific areas. These are the Operation Shielding, Volunteering and Assistance Programme and Children Social Care essential items. Both areas are described in detail below: -

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is recommended that:

The sum of £279k be drawn down from the 2020/21 Central Contingency to implement the DEFRA Food and Essentials Grant Distribution Programme as outlined below.

5. COMMENTARY

Children Social Care Essential Items

- 5.1 Children's Social Care has focussed the spend of this 160K grant upon relieving hardship for children and their families. Many of whom suffer, emotional, physical and psychological difficulties that have been further exacerbated by COVID-19.
- 5.2 Children's Social Care are currently engaged with 2,400 Bromley children that includes children in our care and care leavers that we support up to age 25.
- 5.3 We have seen our referrals to the front door increase significantly which is a demonstration of the stresses within families and this grant has significantly improved outcomes for children enabling them to have short breaks/activities with their families.
- 5.4 We have provided food to our care leavers and funded activities for them to reduce their isolation. We have provided staff to take groups of looked after children and care leavers, some who are parents themselves, for day trips to the coast. All trips were risk assessed in accordance to Public Health guidance. We have funded a photography course again, risk assessed to ensure COVID-19 compliance measures were in place. The photographs produced are soon to be placed in an auction as a fund raiser. The young people learned photographic skills, and this raised their self-esteem. Another group produced their own video with the assistance of professional input.
- 5.5 We have been supporting our foster carers and special guardians to support children in their care with their mental health and wellbeing to prevent foster placements and special guardianship placements from breaking down during the current pandemic.

- 5.6 Due the strains on families we have seen an increase in demand for our in house therapy service and provided extra practical equipment to support the sessions undertaken with children and their carers.
- 5.7 For many of our families who have children with complex behavioural needs including profound disabilities, we have provided activities and short breaks as well as food. These families have not been able to access the usual respite care provided by Bromley Health Care due to COVID-19 and redeployment of staff. The increased support provided with the DEFRA funds have made the difference to them coping or those very complex children coming into Local Authority care which would be detrimental to their welfare as well as the cost to the Local Authority of such specialist placements.
- 5.8 The funds have been shared across all the teams in children's services and have benefitted many families where parents have found themselves to now be unemployed or furloughed. For many families this has made the difference to being resilient, supporting coping strategies and preventing further increase into the care population or, and increasing the numbers of children subject to a child protection plan.
- 5.9 Table 1 below outlines the estimated expenditure set aside to be covered from this grant

Table 1 – Expenditure by Children's Social Care

Short Breaks	£100,000
Staffing/Training	£30,000
Equipment for children	£18,000
Activities for children	£7,000
Food/Vouchers	£5,000
Total expenditure	£160,000

Operation Shielding, Volunteering and Assistance Programme

- 5.10 The Operation Shielding, Volunteering and Assistance Programme commenced in Bromley on 17th March 2020. Food support was offered to all 13,731¹ clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) Bromley residents by the government, which included priority online shopping slots or a free box of essential foods delivered to their doorstep weekly.
- 5.11 Bromley Council established a food distribution hub at the Civic Centre to support shielding individuals in emergency situations, for example where their government issued food box had not arrived or where they were in the process of being registered and could not wait for the box to arrive, as they had run out of food. This hub was supported by volunteers who delivered the food to residents. This shielding support was in addition to the support provided to over 1,100 non-shielding vulnerable individuals with shopping and other tasks.
- 5.12 Government support for shielding individuals ceased on 31st July. The Bromley Council support hub remained open for a further month to 31st August, along with the assistance helpline, to ensure those who required ongoing food support had help to establish this where required. The

¹ Number of Bromley shielding residents as at 31st July when government shielding support ended.

assistance line has been diverted to LBB customer services from 1st September but no requests for food support are currently being received by this programme.

- 5.13 A core team of emergency response Council officers are ready to be mobilised to run the assistance line again, in the event of a second wave or local lockdown. Voluntary sector food partners are also ready to support delivery of any future Council COVID-19 volunteering programme.
- 5.14 Total programme expenditure from 17th March to 31st August (when the main programme paused) is shown below in Table 2. Staffing costs were met from business as usual staffing budgets, apart from overtime paid to staff operating the helpline on bank holidays.
- 5.15 All programme costs incurred by LBB and by Voluntary Sector food distribution organisations have been met by the DEFRA grant for Food and other Essentials.

Table 2: Operation Shielding, Volunteering and Assistance Programme Cost

Food Purchased directly by LBB for distribution by volunteers to shielding residents	£3,322
Overtime costs for LBB officers (bank holidays)	£2,125
Equipment Setup Costs for Assistance Helpline (Including IT)	£230
Enhanced DBS checks for all volunteers mobilised	£9,113
Design, printing and distribution of all support information to residents	£21,863
Voluntary Sector Costs for food provision and distribution	£82,719
Total Programme Costs	£119,372

6. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS & CHILDREN

- 6.1 The Grant is intended to help support vulnerable children and adults during the continuation of the COVID-19 outbreak.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None

8. PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Any procurement implications arising from the recommendations in this report will be managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules where necessary.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The proposals outlined in this report will result in expenditure of £279k.
- 9.2 The total cost will be fully funded by DEFRA Food and Essentials Grant Distribution grant so there is no net impact on the Council's budget, and it is recommended that the grant is drawn down from the 2020/21 Central Contingency to the ECS and CSC budgets.

10. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no direct personnel implications.

11. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no direct legal implications.