

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Public Health
<b>Date:</b>	8 February 2021
<b>Title:</b>	Asymptomatic Community Testing for COVID-19 in Hampshire
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Public Health

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. To note that an application for funding has been submitted to DHSC to establish one Asymptomatic Testing Site (ATS) in Rushmoor District in Hampshire for an initial period of 6 weeks.
- 1.2. To approve spend of up to the projected figure of £8.6m as set out in the report subject to corresponding funding being awarded by DHSC.
- 1.3. To enter into the collaboration agreement arrangements for up to eleven (one in each District area) asymptomatic testing sites across Hampshire.
- 1.4. To delegate to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member for Public Health, all approvals needed associated with the setting up of COVID-19 Community Testing sites in Hampshire, subject to the funding proposals to the DHSC being successful.

#### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has asked Local Authorities to extend the offer of asymptomatic testing to people who need to leave home to go to work and who are not covered by the national programme to access asymptomatic testing. This offer is known as 'community testing'. Local Authorities have been asked to determine their approach to community testing and submit their proposals to DHSC. The programme is funded by DHSC up until 31 March 2021 and is proposed to run for an initial 6-week period.

#### 3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to put forward proposals to take part in community testing arrangements. This was rejected as an unviable option due to the current Public Health emergency.

**4. Conflicts of interest:**

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

**5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None.**

**6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:**

6.1 It was impracticable to give the required 28 days' notice of the Executive Member's intention to take this Key Decision due to the state of the pandemic and spread of COVID-19. This is an urgent key decision to enable progress with the proposal to set up asymptomatic testing sites in Hampshire, targeted to those people who need to leave home to go to work during this period of national restrictions.

6.2 The programme is funded by DHSC up until 31 March 2021 and is proposed to run for an initial 6-week period.

6.3 In accordance with Regulation 11 (Special Urgency), agreement has been obtained from the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, that the "Special Urgency" procedure be applied to this Key Decision.

**7. Statement from the decision maker:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

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8 February 2021

**Cllr Judith Grajewski  
Executive Member for Public Health**