

**EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE**

1. Decisions to be taken:

Extension to Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme to include locally determined discretionary criteria and eligibility for parent and guardians of child or young person who is self-isolating.

2. This is a:

PORTFOLIO HOLDER SUPPORTED OFFICER DECISION

Note: This form should not be used for Key Decisions

3. The following is the decision making body or person:

OFFICER **Michelle Howard** after consultation with **Cllr Bowkett**

4. Financial implications from this decision have been communicated to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Leader? Yes

5. The decision was taken on: _____ 1st April 2021 _____

Note: - the above date to be completed by Democratic Services upon publication

6. Contact Officer and details: **Michelle Howard. Assistant Director, Housing & Wellbeing.** 01507 613216 michelle.howard@e-lindsey.gov.uk

7. List of documents submitted for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made:

Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme - Discretionary Framework (Version 2; updated March 2021)

For national guidance see:

The Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme: Implementation Guide for Local Authorities in England (Version 1.5; published 22 January 2021) and extension to the scheme to parents and guardians who are caring for a child or young person who is self-isolating (Version 1.0; published 16 March 2021)



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8. Where the documents are held and where they can be obtained from (except exempt items) when they become available: will be published on ELDC website <https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/testandtracesupport> w/c 5 April 2021

9. The reason for the decision and other alternative options considered and rejected:

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Since 28 September 2020, eligible individuals have been entitled to a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary support payment of £500. This is to support people on low incomes who are unable to work from home if they are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace and will lose income as a result.

Government now requires Local Authorities to extend the Test and Trace support payment scheme to parents who are not legally required to self-isolate, but who need to take time off work to look after a child or young person who is self-isolation

In addition, Government announced in its lockdown exit roadmap on 22 February that Test and Trace support payment scheme is being extended to summer 2021 and that the money available to councils to make discretionary payments under the scheme is being increased to £20 million per month. Local Authorities retain the ability to set locally determined eligibility criteria for discretionary payments in their area, to ensure they are targeted at those most in need.

It is intended that the increase in funding for discretionary payments will enable Local Authorities to be less restrictive with their locally determined eligibility criteria. National guidance has been used to develop local agreed framework to be delivered by PSPS Ltd Revenues and Benefits Service.

10. Declaration of any conflicts of interest of the decision making body or the individual: None
11. Provide a note of any subsequent dispensations granted by the Head of Paid service: N/A
12. Financial Implications of this Decision: Fully externally funded.

Implementing the national Test and Trace Payment Scheme is a legal requirement as part of the Governments response to Covid 19. The current scheme will run until 30 June 2021 and ELDC will continue to receive ringfenced funding from Department of Health and Social Care.



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13. This decision has been signed off by:

Head of Paid Service/S151 Officer or person presiding
(insert name – signatures should be provided overleaf on page 3)

Adrian Sibley – S151 Officer

Officer

Michelle Howard, Assistant Director (Housing & Wellbeing)

Portfolio Holder

Cllr Bowkett, Potfolio Holder for Housing & Communities