

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
<b>Date Of Decision</b>	27 March 2020
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Hannah Needham: Assistant Director Communities
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	<p>To develop and implement a One Worcestershire's community action response, called Here2Help, with the sole aim of supporting residents through the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The development of this service has included seeking offers for support from local people and organisations and providing individual packages of support to individuals who require help. Staff have been redeployed from other areas of the Council to run this service.</p> <p>Financial support will be granted to local voluntary sectors to support capacity and cashflow to enable them to maintain their local support. Food parcels will also be purchased for individual households who require support.</p> <p>The majority of operational costs of this service will be met from WCC staff being re-deployed into working on the service – so at no additional cost to the council. Any additional costs incurred relating to provision of food and the support to voluntary organisations and other incidental costs will be funded from the local authority COVID grant funding</p>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>Here2Help is a campaign as well as a dedicated response service for <u>all</u> residents who ask for help and those individuals and organisations who offer to help. It aims to complement the national scheme to support those individuals extremely vulnerable and being the most at risk of becoming severely ill from Covid-19 (our <b>shielded</b> cohort) and the NHS Volunteer Responders initiative to ensure Worcestershire residents get the support they need.</p>
<b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b>	<p>The service was developed in response to National Government direction and guidelines. The service will continue to evolve in response to local demand and need.</p>
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet</b>	N/A

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<b>Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	

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