

Exercise of emergency functions – Approval of spend of up to £500,000 to secure further Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1. Part 2M of the constitution of the City Council provides for the Scheme of Functions delegated to Employees including to the Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service.
2. Paragraph 3.8 of Part 2M of the Constitution enables the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader to make decisions required in an emergency.
3. As part of its response to COVID-19 frontline staff are continuing to work to deliver public services including caring for and visiting residents.
4. Some services have identified risk assessments that require them to use some PPE.
5. There is a national shortage of PPE available in light of the Covid - 19 emergency and the City Council is working to secure provision of PPE for use as required by frontline staff.
6. Funding to secure PPE up to £2million to be funded from the additional emergency allocation was agreed on 30th April 2020. Additional funding is now required to continue to secure PPE for use by frontline staff.
7. On the basis set out above I am satisfied that the decision being taken pursuant to this emergency provision is critical to the Council's ability to continue to support frontline services and I agree that £500,000 be available to source and procure PPE.

I have consulted with the Leader of the City Council to confirm his agreement to this course of action.

A report will be taken to Council at the next appropriate meeting that will include information about this emergency decision.

Signed:



Chief Executive of Coventry City Council

Dated: 22 May 2020