



South Somerset District Council

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RESPONSE

You have asked South Somerset District Council for the following information:-

On 19th March and 18th April the government announced two tranches of emergency funding for local authorities to help them respond to coronavirus pressures.

Please can you tell me what area of council work that funding has been allocated to (both tranche one and two) and the amount of funding allocated to each piece of work.

The government has also given £1.3bn to support NHS and social care discharge and £600m for infection control in care homes. Please can you also tell me how this money has been allocated and list the care homes in the local authority area which are receiving a part of the fund and how much each will receive.

In the first tranche we received £64,586 which we have allocated against our significant pressures in homelessness and rough sleeping.

In the second tranche we received £1.673m. We have identified additional Covid-19 pressures of c£10m so we are seeking to allocate the £1.673m to the most hard hit services.

We are still evaluating the costs and as you can appreciate we have had to estimate the ongoing effects as we come out of lockdown. Our initial thoughts are:

Revenues – Approximately 40% (£670k) will be allocated to Revenues to mitigate the effect on this important funding stream of Council Tax payers now claiming Universal Credit and being eligible for Council Tax Support, a significant cost to the Council, also the reduction in business rates income.

- **Homelessness and Housing – 10% (£167k) – we have incurred significant costs and we believe this will be a longer term pressure.**
- **Waste – 5% (£84k) – we have seen a considerable reduction in income and there will be other long term effects on our costs.**
- **Planning – 10% (£167k) – to mitigate a downturn in applications.**
- **IT – 10% (£167k) – to enable remote working and other IT solutions.**
- **The Hub – 10% (£167k) – For shielding and vulnerable residents, providing food parcels etc.**
- **Other - 15% (£251k) – We have other areas which have seen a downturn in income such as carparks; theatres and increased costs such as cemetery services etc**



These are indicative allocations based on the affected areas. They are subject to change.

Please be advised that care homes come directly under Somerset County Council, please contact them for that information.

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