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#### You are reporting on behalf of

The purpose of this data collection is to help departments across Central Government understand the financial impact, both direct and indirect, that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on local authorities. This is for planning purposes; to help us identify where the greatest pressures are likely to be going forward and to inform our ongoing assessment of likely future costs. The information you provide will not be used for reporting or auditing purposes. We will also share a summary of the findings with you in due course.

We recognise that the situation your authority faces is continually changing and we will repeat this collection on a rolling monthly basis. We appreciate that you are unlikely to have precise figures to begin with, but your indicative estimates will be extremely useful.

Please submit your response by close **Wednesday 15 April 2020**.

### Section A: Allocation of £1.6bn emergency grant funding

On 19 March 2020, £1.6bn emergency funding was announced to help local authorities respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The questions in this section relate specifically to this £1.6bn emergency COVID-19 funding and not any other additional funding which your authority might be receiving to respond to COVID-19.

#### Of this £1.6bn funding, your authority received:

### Question A1: What proportion of your grant funding have you allocated to the following service areas?

Although the funding was primarily aimed at social care, we recognise it may be used to ease a variety of different pressures. We also recognise that some COVID-19-related activities may be cross-cutting, and that you may not have treated the additional funding separately across key service areas. However, where appropriate, please estimate as best you can.

Please provide percentage figures for each service area ensuring that they sum to 100%. If your authority does not provide a service area or has not allocated any of this grant funding to a particular service area, please enter 0%.

Service Area	Estimated proportion of grant funding likely to be deployed in this area, (%)
1 - Adult Social Care – (not pooled with CCGs)	<input type="text" value="0 %"/>
2 - Adult Social Care – (pooled with CCGs)	<input type="text" value="0 %"/>
3 - Children's Social Care	<input type="text" value="0 %"/>
4 - Education	<input type="text" value="0 %"/>
5 - Highways and Transport	<input type="text" value="0 %"/>

6 - Public Health

0 %

7 - Housing (including homelessness services)

0 %

8 - Cultural services

0 %

9 - Environmental and regulatory services (including excess death management)

0 %

10 - Police

0 %

11 - Fire and rescue

0 %

12 - Planning and development

0 %

13 - Finance/corporate services

0 %

14 - Other services

100 %

15 - Not yet allocated to a service area

0 %

**Total Percentage Check**

100%

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**Question A2: If you have allocated any funding to 'Other services', please specify the type of service**

The Council has incurred £180k in provision of food packs, community hub, redeployment costs etc.

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**Question A3: If you would like to provide some additional commentary on the figures you have submitted above, please do so here.**

The allocation is considered significantly inadequate.

**Section B: Additional spending pressures due to COVID-19**

**Question B1: Please estimate how much additional money you have spent, and plan to spend, on the following service areas due to pressures caused by COVID-19. This includes spend which was funded by the emergency additional funding captured in Section A.**

We recognise that COVID-19 activities may be cross-cutting across service areas, and it may not be possible to apportion additional spend due to COVID-19 with 100% accuracy. However, where appropriate, please estimate as best you can. In future collections we will be looking for data on more specific spending pressures, and guidance on this will be provided ahead of time.

Please note that additional spend should include foregone savings which are no longer achieved but exclude losses in sales, fees and charges income (the latter are covered in Section C).

For additional information on the service areas, where available, please click the information (i) button.

You should report your additional spend estimates in millions, though you can provide figures to the nearest thousand pounds (up to 3 decimal places) if you are able to do so. If your authority does not provide a service or you have not spent any more as a result of COVID-19, please enter 0 (zero) and select a green RAG rating.

The final column asks for your assessment of the confidence you have in the accuracy of the figures provided. This uses a standard RAG rating system where red reflects estimates based on limited evidence/weak assumptions, and green reflects strong evidence and clearer assumptions.

<b>Service Area (1 to 4)</b>	<b>Estimated additional pressure in (£m):</b>		
	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
<b>1 - Adult Social Care – additional demand</b>	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		
<b>2 - Adult Social Care - supporting the market</b>	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		
<b>3 - Adult Social Care - workforce pressures</b>	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		
<b>4 - Adult Social Care - other (including PPE)</b>	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		
<b>Service Area (5 to 8)</b>	<b>Estimated additional pressure in (£m):</b>		
	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
<b>5 - Children's Social Care – workforce pressures</b>	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		
<b>6 - Children Social Care - other</b>	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		

<b>7 - Children's Services - SEND</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		
<b>8 - Education – excluding SEND</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		
<b>Service Area (9 to 13)</b>			
<b>Estimated additional pressure in (£m):</b>			
<b>9 - Highways and Transport</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		
<b>10 - Public Health</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	GREEN		
<b>11 - Housing (including homelessness services)</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.300 m	£ 0.400 m	£ 2.600 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>12 - Cultural services</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.200 m	£ 0.200 m	£ 1.300 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>13 - Environmental and regulatory services (including excess death management)</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.100 m	£ 0.200 m	£ 1.400 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>Service Area (14 to 18)</b>			
<b>Estimated additional pressure in (£m):</b>			
<b>14 - Police</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>15 - Fire and rescue</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m	£ 0.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>16 - Planning and development</b>	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
	£ 0.150 m	£ 0.250 m	£ 0.800 m

Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)

AMBER

17 - Finance/ corporate services

March 2020

April 2020

Full Year 2020-21

£ 0.100 m

£ 0.200 m

£ 0.750 m

Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)

AMBER

18 - Other services

March 2020

April 2020

Full Year 2020-21

£ 0.200 m

£ 0.500 m

£ 2.800 m

Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)

AMBER

Estimated Total Spending Pressure

March 2020

April 2020 (£m)

£ 1.050 m

£ 1.750 m

**Question B2: If you have recorded spending pressures under 'Adult Social Care – other', 'Children's Social Care – other' or 'Other services', please specify the type of service.**

**Question B3: If you would like to provide some additional commentary on the figures you have submitted for Question B1, or the assumptions that underpin them, please do so here.**

The Council's financial resilience is being severely tested and is at the risk of being irreparably compromised. An immediate financial support to reset its planned expenditure, budget assumptions and safeguard its reserve levels is urgently required.

**Section C: Income reductions due to COVID-19**

**Question C1: Compared to what you budgeted for, how much have the following sources of income been reduced due to pressures caused by COVID-19?**

You should report your estimates in millions, though you can provide figures to the nearest thousand pounds (up to 3 decimal places) if you are able to do so.

If income has not been affected by COVID-19, please enter 0 (zero) and select green RAG rating. Additionally, if you are a county council in a two-tier area, please enter 0 (zero) in the Retained Business Rates line.

For additional information on the income sources, where available, please click the information (i) button.

The final column asks for your assessment of the confidence you have in the accuracy of the figures provided. This uses a standard RAG rating system where red reflects estimates based on limited evidence/weak assumptions, and green reflects strong evidence and clearer assumptions.

<b>Income Source (1 to 5)</b>	<b>Estimated reduction in (£m):</b>		
	March 2020	April 2020	Full Year 2020-21
<b>1 - Retained Business Rates (net rates payable)</b>	£ 0.100 m	£ 0.300 m	£ 2.100 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>2 - Council Tax</b>	£ 0.200 m	£ 0.400 m	£ 1.800 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>3 - Sales, fees and charges</b>	£ 0.400 m	£ 0.500 m	£ 4.600 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>4 - Commercial Income</b>	£ 0.400 m	£ 0.600 m	£ 3.800 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>5 - Other</b>	£ 0.100 m	£ 0.200 m	£ 1.000 m
	Confidence in accuracy of estimates (RAG rating)		
	AMBER		
<b>Estimated Total reduction in Income</b>	<b>March 2020</b> £ 1.200 m	<b>April 2020 (£m)</b> £ 2.000 m	

**Question C2: If you have recorded any income reduction under ‘Other’, please specify the income source.**

Return on investment from commercial companies.

**Question C3: If you would like to provide some additional commentary on the figures you have submitted for Question C1, or the assumptions that underpin them, please do so here.**

The longer term impact of CV19 is likely to be more complex than initially thought. At this point, it is considered inevitable to experience increased demand for services, significant loss of income, urgent use of reserves.

**Section D: Cash flow difficulties due to COVID-19**

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**Question D1: Do you anticipate any difficulties in meeting cash flow requirements over the next three months as a result of pressures caused by COVID-19?**

We are interested in any difficulties in meeting ongoing costs from your existing resources or through normal treasury management activity such as short-term borrowing. Please use the drop-down list provided.

**Question D2: Are you able to quantify the extent of any cash difficulties? Please enter cash requirements for the following months below.**

You should report your estimates in millions, though you can provide figures to the nearest thousand pounds (up to 3 decimal places) if you are able to do so.

If you are unable to quantify your cash flow shortfall, you may omit this question.

	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020
Cash flow shortfall	<input type="text" value="£ m"/>	<input type="text" value="£ m"/>	<input type="text" value="£ m"/>

**Question D3: If you would like to provide some additional commentary on the answer you have submitted for Question D1 or D2, please do so here.**

Thank you for completing this form.

Please press 'Save' and 'Submit'. If there are any errors, you will need to review them before being able to 'Submit'.