


Officer Decision Notice	Classification: Unrestricted	 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Report of: Strategic Director of Communities		
Subject / Title: Test and Trace Support Scheme		
Date of Decision: 12 October 2020		

1. **SUMMARY**

1.1 From 28 September 2020, individuals will be entitled to a Test and Trace Support Payment of £500 if they:

- Have been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, either because they have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive
- Are employed or self-employed
- Are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result
- Are currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit.

1.2 This payment is designed to support people on low incomes, if they will lose income as a result of self-isolating, and to encourage them to get tested if they have symptoms. This is important to help stop the transmission of COVID-19 and avoid further economic and societal restrictions. The scheme will last until 31 January 2021.

1.3 Government guidance sets out the distribution methodology for the allocation of the funding to local government

- **£25 million** for programme costs (costs of payments to applicants), excluding discretionary payments.
SDC £35,500.00
- **£10 million** for administration costs.
SDC £25,282.40
- **£15 million** for discretionary payments
SDC £21,333.13

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

2.1 For Stroud District Council to adopt the Test and Trace Support Scheme.

3. **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

3.1 A report has been prepared in accordance with government advice and guidance.

4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

4.1 None.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 In reaching this decision, the decision maker has consulted with and has the agreement of the following:

- Chief Executive
- Section 151 officer
- Leaders of all political groups

6. **Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

6.1 None.



Signed.....
(Designation of Officer)
