

## TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Tuesday, 31 March 2020	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	M/31.03.20/F&I	<b>Executive Member for Finance and Investment</b> (Councillor Ross)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<u>COVID 19 Council Tax Hardship Fund 2020-21</u>		
(1) That Trafford Council:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awards all existing working age Council Tax Support (CTS) recipients - as at 11 March 2020 – a discretionary award equivalent to the value of their 2020-21 liability;</li><li>• Treat all new, post 11 March 2020, claims in accordance with its existing CTS scheme, as the vast majority of recipients will receive 100% support, but ensure direct information and advice for further discretionary support is detailed in notification letters;</li><li>• Use the remaining funding towards the rising costs of CTS claims made after 11 March 2020 and significantly increasing Local Welfare Assistance costs.</li></ul>		
(2) That this decision be classified as urgent and exempt from call-in to enable the Council implement emergency measures during the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To determine how the Council will award the Council Tax element of the government award to support economically vulnerable people and households during the COVID-19 crisis, using the discretionary powers under Section 13A (1) (c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and also how the remainder will be used to support vulnerable residents.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
None.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
None.		

**CALL-IN DEADLINE DATE**

This decision has been classified as urgent for immediate implementation, therefore, is **NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN.**

**PUBLICATION DATE**

Wednesday, 1 April 2020

**RECORDED BY:**

Corporate Director of Governance and  
Community Strategy