

# INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	29 MARCH 2022	10

## **CONTAIN OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT FUND (COMF) - UPDATE**

#### **PUBLIC ITEM**

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

#### **SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

In 2020/21 the Government introduced a fund to assist local authorities to limit the potential for the spread of the virus namely the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF).

The fund provided local authorities in England with finance to help reduce the spread of the virus and support local public health. The funding was put in place to recognise the on-going public health and outbreak management costs to local government in tackling COVID-19.

Fylde was initially awarded £888,580 for 2020/21, with a further award of £101,179 being made for 2021/22.

The government has advised that any underspend can be rolled forward to 2022/23 which will provide the council with some flexibility in supporting some of the projects beyond year-end. Details of projects supported with the funding is attached to this report.

#### **SOURCE OF INFORMATION**

Director of Resources

#### WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

To update members on the expenditure, until the end of February 2022, on the COMF. The government has advised that any underspend can be rolled forward to 2022/23 which will provide the council with some flexibility in supporting some of the projects beyond year-end.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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