

# Record of decision taken under delegated powers by a council officer



Title:	<b>Surrey County Council Response to Covid: Payment to Step Ahead (supported accommodation)</b>
Divisions Affected:	All divisions
Key Decision:	Yes
Reason Key:	Affects two or more Divisions
Decision taken under delegation by virtue of:	<b>Cabinet decision 31 March 2020 Min ref: 41/20</b>

## Summary

To pay Step Ahead £8,400 for additional costs incurred remaining open over the last 7 weeks and projected for the next 7 week period.

Step Ahead have continued to stay open and deliver services through this period and additional costs relate largely to additional PPE and additional staffing costs as a result of a number of staff shielding and needing to be back-filled.

## Decision made

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It was AGREED that:

A total payment of £8,400 be made to Step Ahead.

### Reasons for Decision:

To recognise the additional costs incurred by Step Ahead in providing services during this period in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Decision taken by:	Dave Hill
Decision taken on:	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
To be implemented on:	Payment to be made following CLT and Cabinet Member Decision. This has now happened and payment will be processed.

**Alternative options considered**

The alternative is to not reimburse Step Ahead for the additional costs and leave the provider to find alternative means for funding them. This could put the long term sustainability of the provider at risk which would then impact on the available provision for children in Surrey.

**Summary of any financial implications**

The cost to SCC will be £8,400.  
It is anticipated that this will be funded out of the COVID-19 funding SCC is receiving from central government.

**Declarations of conflicts of interest**

None

**Consultation/Process Followed**

A panel has been created consisting of Commissioning, procurement and finance staff to consider applications from CFLC providers.

This application has been reviewed and following further engagement with the provider was approved. This has since been approved by the Executive Director of CFLC.

**Background Documents**

Exempt:

Cabinet report 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 setting out the council's response to Covid-19.	
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