

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

The following Category 1 decision was taken on 22nd September 2020 by the Leader of the Council, in accordance with the Council's Covid-19 Decision Making Schema.

Date notified to all Members: 25th September 2020

Decisions under the “**Making decisions during the Covid-19 crisis: Sheffield City Council Schema**”, made as an urgent response to issues connected with the coronavirus crisis, have been removed from the call-in process, and are therefore not subject to call-in for scrutiny.

1. **TITLE**

Covid-19 Community Testing Procurement Strategy Via A Waiver

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

Approved that:

1. Covid 19 Community Testing procurement strategy via a Waiver. Value of the project over the full term up to £800k.
2. A review to be conducted after 6 months to ascertain whether the service will continue to be needed after 12 months, if so, a full tender process will be conducted.
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3. **Reasons For Decision**

The city continues to experience localised outbreaks and there is an **urgent need** to continue the local testing team when we have small localised outbreaks.

Predicting the size, frequency and number of outbreaks is difficult and the time it would take to work up a formal specification, conduct a full tender process and mobilise a service is prohibitive.

The Council intends to work with PCS to develop a modular solution which can be configured based on demand. The Council intends to procure this solution for an interim period of 12 months as an emergency measure before considering whether a wider tender is needed.

4. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Public Health

