

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I100233
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1. **TITLE:** Test and Trace Self Isolation Support Payments – Discretionary Scheme Amendment

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek approval to increase the earnings limit used in the Test and Trace Self-Isolation Payments Discretionary Scheme

4 **IS KEY DECISION** No

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing

6. **DECISION:**

1 That the revised Test and Trace Self-Isolation Support Payments discretionary policy be approved.

2 That the revised Test and Trace Self-Isolation Support Payments discretionary policy be effective from 17 May 2021.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Additional funding for the Test and Trace Self-Isolation Support Payments discretionary scheme has been made available to Bracknell Forest Council by the Department of Health and Social Care.

The current definition of low income used in the Test and Trace Self-Isolation Support Payments policy requires an applicant to have a weekly income of less than £139.52. The proposed policy would increase the earnings threshold to £384.62 per week and will provide a financial incentive for more people to adhere with the requirement to self-isolate thereby reducing ongoing transmission of COVID-19.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Maintaining the definition of “low income” in place since commencement of the scheme in October 2020, namely income of less than £139.52 per week.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: People

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
20 July 2021	27 July 2021