

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Director of Public Health
Title:	Asymptomatic Community Testing for COVID-19 in Hampshire

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Director of Public Health agrees to:

- a) set up ATS across the county for an initial 6-week period to 31 March 2021.
- b) extend the programme up to the end of June 2021.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Following the Executive Member decision on the 8 February to submit an application to DHSC for delivery of community testing, a successful bid was agreed by DHSC for a further 10 sites in Hampshire until the end of March 2021.
- 2.2. An extension of the programme was required in line with further available funding and agreement from DHSC to allow continued provision of asymptomatic community testing while nationally driven testing avenues come on stream. National funding is confirmed until at least June 2021.
- 2.3. This extension will include a reduction in available sites from 11 static sites to 9 sites and increased availability of tests for collection across the county in line with need and demand. This change will not exceed the initial agreed spend of £8.6m

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. If the extension is not progressed Hampshire will not have a local testing service and will not be in line with national guidance in managing the pandemic.
- 3.2. This extension allows continued provision of testing while nationally driven initiatives come on stream. If the current offer of testing was not extended then supervised testing for people without symptoms would not be available

for the local population, and a limited offer of collection of home testing for eligible cohorts would remain. This extension is in line with the Government roadmap and will support easing of national restrictions. We will continue to review our local offer during April to ensure it meets the needs of the population, and include the case for extending beyond this point as part of this review.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision: none.

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service: not applicable.

6. Supporting information: A supplementary decision report accompanies this record.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Bryant', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Date:

29 March 2021

**Simon Bryant FFPH
Director of Public Health**