

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 23 JULY 2020**

**Question to Leader of the Council**

**By Susan Woodward**

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I am sure that the Leader will have been pleased to hear the comments made in Parliament by Wes Streeting MP, Shadow Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, citing the County Council's Covid19 Support Fund as an example of "the creativity and ingenuity" of local authorities during this crisis.

Can he tell me please whether all Members have fully spent their first tranche of this fund and publish a list of Members' allocations - by Member and by organisation - as has always been the case with previous Community Fund allocations?

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**Reply**

I am very pleased by the efforts of Members to spend their allocations of the Covid-19 Support Fund, to support the most vulnerable in our communities and help our key community groups to survive throughout the crisis period.

Members who had not fully spent their first tranche of the Covid-19 Support Fund by the end of June are now able to use any underspend in the current tranche as addition to their extra £2000. This closes for applications on 30 October 2020.

As has been the case previously, it is important to show transparency on how Members have used this public money, and the county council's website has an area devoted to this. From the area where groups can make their applications, there is a link to a page called "Covid-19 Support Fund Projects supported in 2020". This provides information, by Member, showing allocation amounts, organisation name and a brief summary of the project, using information provided in the original applications. The page is constantly being updated – as soon as a project is paid and is closed in the processing system, the information will appear on this page.