

**Covid 19 Pandemic**

Government has awarded grants to local authorities to manage the Covid 19 pressures. The allocation of spend is explained below:

**Business Grants** of £69m has been paid directly to local businesses under the following schemes, Small Business, Retail and Leisure, discretionary business and exceptional circumstances.

**Central Government** has awarded £12.5m to the local authority to fund the following

- 10% ex-gratia payment made to care providers and the commissioning of temporary block contracts and enhanced provider rates to support hospital discharge estimated at £3.6m
- **PPE** spend has been £2m which includes PPE issued to care homes.
- Losses of income including car parking £3.4m
- Supporting individuals shielding
- Fostering allowances
- Homeless and temporary accommodation costs
- Capacity for additional beds including Hillside.

**Outbreak control grant** of £877k has been allocated to staffing including Environmental Health Officers, Health Improvement practitioners, PPE coordinators and communications. The costs of the farm outbreak, local contact tracing and swabbing & testing facilities.