

To Town and Parish Councillors

**Leader of the Council**  
**Councillor Keith House**

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Dear Councillor

Firstly, I'd like to say I hope you are all staying safe and well during these difficult times.

We know that the Covid-19 pandemic is putting pressure on all aspects of our community – our residents and our businesses. As a Council we are committed to doing all we can to support our Borough through this time of crisis in as many ways as possible.

We know that our residents and businesses will be turning to us and yourselves, looking for help and reassurance during these times. Alongside ourselves and many others, the work you are doing is vital in supporting local communities – providing a reassuring support network and source of information at a time when people need it most, we thank you for this.

We understand how important the work that you do is, but especially now. We also recognise that the crisis will place financial pressures not only on local authorities but on Town and Parish Councils too. We want to assure you that we will be there to help you so that you can continue your vital work. Our hope is that Hampshire County Council will match fund our support for you, as requested by the Secretary of State.


Firstly, we want to assure you that we will continue to pay precepts and grants to you as originally budgeted. Each parish or town council will be facing unique pressures and we know a tailored solution will be the best way we can lend support.

Therefore, we ask that you please get in touch with your individual circumstances in terms of costs relating to directly supporting the Covid-19 response, plus cost or loss of income incurred to 'usual' services due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sarah King ([sarah.king@eastleigh.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.king@eastleigh.gov.uk)), our Director of Support Services and Chief Financial Officer, will be liaising with you on helping you through this.

Once again, I wish you all well and thank you for the work you are all doing. It is through the collective work of organisations like ours, the army of volunteers, NHS and emergency services and those in frontline roles that we will get through this and ensure that the people of Eastleigh Borough are supported and protected.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith House".

Councillor Keith House  
**Leader**