

**ESC COMF Certification 2023/24 [31/5518]  
(relating to the 2022/23 financial year)**

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<b>Date:</b>	August 2023

**1. Scope and Objective of Review**

- 1.1 This review provides certification in relation to COVID-19 Test and Trace Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) funding for 2022/23 and will be reported as part of the 2023/24 Annual Audit Plan, which was approved by the East Suffolk Council Audit and Governance Committee on 13 March 2023.
- 1.2 The business objective for this review was to use the Test and Trace Support COMF funding in accordance with the required grant conditions in relation to the mitigation against and management of local outbreaks of COVID-19.
- 1.3 Internal Audit undertook appropriate investigations and checks in order to assess whether, in all significant respects, the required grant conditions set by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have been complied with.
- 1.4 East Suffolk Council received £344,486.15 for the COVID-19 Test and Trace COMF funding.

## 2. Audit Assurance Opinion

2.1 The overall assurance of **Effective** has been given, which means evaluated controls are adequate, appropriate, and effective to provide reasonable assurance that risks are being managed and objectives are being met.

## 3. Grant Condition Compliance

Grant Condition Summary	Opinion
(1) Grant is spent on mitigating and managing local outbreaks of COVID-19	Full compliance
(2) Chief Executive and Head of Internal Audit to submit a declaration	Full compliance
(3) Monitoring and evaluation of the scheme	Full compliance
(4) And (5) Repayment of grant to Minister of State if notified	Not applicable

3.1 The total expenditure as at 30 June 2023 is £344,486.15, meaning all funding received has been fully spent.

3.2 The Chief Executive and Head of Internal Audit are required to provide an assurance declaration to UKHSA confirming grant conditions have been met. The results of this audit were used to provide a declaration on 23 August 2023.

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