

Appendix A:



16th December 2020

Mary Harpley, GLA Chief Officer;
David Bellamy, Mayor's Chief of Staff;
Fiona Twycross, Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience

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Sent via email

Good afternoon Mary, David and Fiona,

Subject: **Lateral flow testing activation**

I am writing on behalf of the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest and the City of London which collectively make up North East London. We are now in a position to confirm the finances for the procurement of the event company that the GLA has kindly offered to commission for the roll out of lateral flow testing this week.

Additional resources to support the lateral flow mass community testing have now been approved by central government. I have engaged with each of my Chief Executive colleagues from the NE Boroughs, copied in, and we are all now able to provide agreement that we will underwrite the costs for our boroughs. This agreement is based on an estimate of £400k per borough per month over the next six weeks – although actual costs per borough will vary depending on the number and size of sites needed in each borough. We trust this gives you the financial comfort to trigger the procurement process so as we are ready to mobilise as quickly as possible in NE London.

I acknowledge the urgent need for detail around the scope of the commission and the sites that will be required. Our teams will be working on this early next week and will aim to confirm arrangements as soon as possible. The initial ambition is to have one site operational per borough this week. I acknowledge that the detailed scope of the commission and the requirements for each site will have a bearing on how much can be provided within the £400k per borough budget identified above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Blake-Herbert", written over a white background.

Andrew Blake-Herbert
Chief Executive

Cleaner, Safer, Prouder Together

Appendix B:



17th February 2021

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Dear Mary, David and Fiona,

Subject: Lateral flow testing

Further to my letter dated 16th December 2020, I would like to re-affirm the details provided.

I am writing on behalf of the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest and the City of London which collectively make up North East London.

Following central government's approval of additional resources to support the lateral flow mass community testing, I have engaged with each of my Chief Executive colleagues from the NE Boroughs, copied in, and we confirm agreement to continue to underwrite the costs for our boroughs. Actual costs per borough will vary depending on the number and size of sites needed in each borough. We trust this gives you the financial comfort to continue with current processes in NE London.

It is my understanding that the current contract with Hub Logistics expires on 31st March 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Blake-Herbert".

Andrew Blake-Herbert
Chief Executive