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The general impact and financial impact of Covid-19 on local authorities in 2020 and beyond.

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Emergency Costs Associated with Covid-19 2020

€51.2m

❑ Covid Response Expenditure	€35.1
❑ Unfunded Road Crew	€11.7
❑ Redeployment Costs	€ 1.0
❑ Financial Supports for Associated Companies	€ 3.4

Goods and Services Income impacted by Covid-19 for 2020 = €76m



Sources of Income impacted are:

<input type="checkbox"/> Parking Charges	€41.0
<input type="checkbox"/> Leisure/Tourism Facilities	€19.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning fees	€6.30
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety	€3.10
<input type="checkbox"/> Civic Amenities	€2.70
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Opening Licences	€2.20
<input type="checkbox"/> Casual Trading	€0.63
<input type="checkbox"/> Library Fees	€0.61



Engagement with the AFM Group

A number of reports prepared by LAs;

- Analysis of Rates Properties Impacted by Covid-19
- Analysis of Local Government Goods and Services Income impacted by Covid-19
- Analysis of Local Government Emergency Costs associated with the Public Health Emergency Covid-19 in 2020



Immediate Department Actions

- ❑ Sanctioned overdraft increases for some local authorities.
- ❑ Early payment of LPT of €516.7m rather than the normal phased basis.
- ❑ Early payment of LA Payroll and PSPR of €54.8m in mid June.
- ❑ Engaged with the LA sector through the CCMA and AFM Sub Group.
- ❑ Deadline for AFS 2019 extended by 3 months to 30 June 2020



Result of Engagement

Rates Waiver Scheme €900m

- ❑ 1 May 2020 - Waiver of commercial rates for a period of 3 months.**
- ❑ 31 July 2020 -Extension for 6 months i.e. 27March – 27 September 2020. Cost €600m**
- ❑ 13 October 2020 – Extension of another 3 months until 27 December 2020. Cost €300m**



Impact on 2021?

Future trajectory of the virus is unknown.

If further supports prove necessary in 2021, such supports will be more targeted than has been the case in 2020.