

Executive decision taken by Leader



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Pro-forma for completion in respect of executive decisions taken by Leader of the Council.

Decision taken by:

Councillor David Tutt

Date of decision:

4 June 2020

Subject of report:

On 1st May 2020 the Government announced additional funding to target small businesses with high fixed property-related costs that weren't eligible for the first round of Covid 19 business grants.

The funding is aimed at small businesses who were not eligible for the Small Business Grant Fund or the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund, and that have ongoing fixed property-related costs (for example, rent, service charges, mortgage costs and utilities).

It is essential that the Council develops a robust discretionary scheme which will adequately deal with Central Government priorities whilst at the same time working within budget and maximising support for businesses

Exempt matter (if any as given under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972):

No

Key decision?:

Non-key decision

Open summary of decision made:

(1) To approve the Local Authority Discretionary Grants Scheme

(2) To grant the Director of Service Delivery delegated authority, to implement, and if necessary, amend the Discretionary Grants Fund Policy (in consultation with the Leader). Such delegated authority will include any measures necessary for or incidental to its management and administration

Reason(s) for decision:

This is a new scheme which needs to be implemented as a matter of urgency and so executive approval for the scheme is being sought from the Leader. The Leader is being asked to authorise the Director of Service Delivery to implement and administer the scheme as there is no existing officer delegation in place.

Alternative options considered:

This additional funding has been made available by Government as an emergency measure to support businesses which did not meet the qualification criteria set out in the Government's earlier business grants scheme. Time does not permit alternative options.

Was an executive councillor(s) consulted before decision was taken?

Yes

If councillor(s) consulted, did they declare any personal interest relating to the decision, had they been given a dispensation in respect of the matter?

None

Signed:

Councillor David Tutt