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NOTICE OF GENERAL EXCEPTION

Forward plan of key decisions

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The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Tony Freebody, has been notified, in accordance with paragraph 10(1)(a) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, that a report containing a key decision relating to the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme will be considered by the Leader of the Council, Councillor David Tutt on 19 November 2020.

The above matter was not included in the forward plan for consideration on that date but, in accordance with the above regulations, such consideration can now be undertaken.

The matter needs to be considered by the Leader on that date because on 31st October the Government announced a further national lockdown effective from 5th November to 2nd December which requires certain businesses to legally close due to restrictions being put in place to manage coronavirus.

The announcement included a grant funding package and schemes that will operate to support businesses within the business rates system.

It is essential that the Council develop robust policies which will adequately deal with the impositions placed on certain businesses.

These are new schemes which need 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.

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