

# NOTICE OF GENERAL EXCEPTION SPECIAL URGENCY

**Forward plan of key decisions**

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The Chair of Policy and Performance Advisory Committee, Councillor Joe Miller, has agreed, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, where compliance with paragraph 9 (the giving of at least 28 days notice) and 10 (the giving of five clear days notice) was impracticable, that a report containing a key decision relating to the **Local Restrictions Support Grant Scheme** will be considered by the **Leader of the Council, Councillor James MacCleary on 16 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 31<sup>st</sup> October the Government announced a further national lockdown effective from 5<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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