

Executive decision taken by Leader



Decision taken by:

Councillor David Tutt

Date of decision:

31 March 2021

Subject of report:

On 3rd March the Government announced additional support to certain business sectors that have been legally required to close due to national restrictions being put in place to manage coronavirus and save lives.

The announcement included additional grant funding support that will operate to support non-essential retail, hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym businesses within the business rates system. This will be a 'one-off' grant payment made to eligible businesses.

It is essential that the Council develops a robust policy which will adequately deal with the impositions placed on certain businesses whilst at the same time working within budget and ensuring support to those most impacted by the pandemic.

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

No

Key decision?:

Yes

Open summary of decision made:

The Leader of the Council approves the Restarts Grant Scheme and grants the Director of Service Delivery delegated authority, to implement, and if necessary, amend each Policy (in consultation with the Leader). Such delegated authority will include any measures necessary for or incidental to its management and administration.

In accordance with section 20 of the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the call-in procedure shall not apply to this decision given its urgency. A decision is urgent if, in the view of the decision maker, any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would, for example, seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

In accordance with this section, it is the opinion of the decision maker that this decision is an urgent one and therefore exempt from call-in.

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 will be made available by Government as an emergency measure to support businesses that continue to be impacted by local restrictions. Time does not permit alternative options.

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

No

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?

Not applicable

Signed:

Councillor David Tutt, Leader of the Council