

ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE GROUNDS OF URGENCY

Committee: Council

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 To note the action taken by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the action taken by the Chief Executive on grounds of urgency be noted.

3.0 **BACKGROUND**

(a) Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund

3.1 The Council has been allocated a minimum of £828,000. The Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund provides an opportunity to assist those businesses who have not been able to benefit from most other grants from Government. The eligibility criteria and priority groups are detailed in the proposed scheme which is attached at Appendix 1 for your information.

3.2 The decision on the grounds of urgency will enable the Council to implement the scheme and benefit those eligible businesses as soon as possible. The East Cambridgeshire Discretionary Grant Fund will go live on Monday 1 June 2020 and the Council will be required to complete weekly returns to the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy from early June.

3.3 In accordance with Part 3(4) paragraph 4.1, of the Constitution, the Chief Executive consulted the Leader of Council prior to the delegated decisions. The Chairman of Council and the Leaders of the Liberal Democrat and Independent Groups were subsequently notified of the delegated action taken.

3.4 In accordance with paragraph 4.1 of the Constitution, the urgent actions are being reported to Council for information.

4.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

4.1 There are no additional financial implications.

4.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required for the purposes of this report.

5.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – ECDC Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund Scheme: eligibility criteria and priority groups

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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