

Executive Emergency Provision

This decision is to be made by the Chief Executive pursuant to the following provisions in Part 3 Paragraph 9.3.2.:

“Exceptionally,..... notwithstanding anything in this Constitution, the Chief Executive shall be authorised to exercise either executive or non-executive functions where the matter is urgent unless this is prohibited by law.”

The current situation in respect of the Coronavirus: COVID 19 is an exceptional circumstance.

Local Restrictions Support Grant

Approval is being sought to:

- (1) Approve the implementation of the Localised Restrictions Support Grant for mandatory grants as set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 of the accompanying report.
- (2) Approve the draft discretionary grant scheme in principle and delegate final approval to the Strategic Director of Customer and Digital Services who will finalise the policy in liaison with senior managers and in consultation with the Cabinet and Chair of the relevant scrutiny committee.
- (3) Approves the implementation of the discretionary self-isolation payments as set in paragraph 3.5 of the accompanying report.

The decision proposed in this report is urgent in current circumstances because:

- The requirement placed upon authorities is to make payments as soon as possible for Local Restrictions Support Grant following the government order. The Test and Trace Support Payment scheme is already live so there is an existing requirement to make payments as and when required.
- Residents and local businesses will require and expect payments to be made without delay. Residents who have been asked to self-isolate and have income loss must be supported by local authorities within three days.
- The decision needs to be taken and implemented immediately to provide residents and local businesses with the funds provided during the pandemic.

Approved by: Chief Executive

Signed: *Carolyn Downs*

Date: 12 October 2020

Date Leader or Deputy Leader, relevant Lead Member and Leader of the Opposition notified of decision made: 15 October 2020