

## **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 Omicron variant is an exceptional circumstance.

NNDR Discretionary Scheme for Business Grants 2021/22: businesses affected by Omicron Approval is being sought:

- i. To approve the NNDR Discretionary Scheme for Business Grants 2021/22: businesses affected by Omicron as detailed in section 3 and in Appendix 1 of the accompanying report pursuant to the Council's powers under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 as amended.
- ii. To instruct the Director of Finance to implement the scheme as detailed in Appendix1.

The decision proposed in this report is urgent in current circumstances for the following reasons:

- i. The creation of the scheme in this report is urgent in providing grants to businesses in the borough The response to the Covid-19 Omicron pandemic requires urgent support is provided to businesses.
- ii. This decision is a key decision and any delay in implementing it would seriously prejudice the Council's or the Public Interest within the meaning of Standing Order 14. The provision for call-in of key decisions under Standing Order 14 shall therefore not apply to this decision.

Approved by: Chief Executive

Signed: *C. Downs*

Date: 29 December 2021

Date Leader or Deputy Leader, relevant Lead Member and Leader of the Opposition notified of decision made: 29 December 2021