

Notice to the Chair of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee



Urgent Key Decision form

DECISION DETAILS

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Decision Title: Proposal for Accelerated Payments due to COVID-19

Description of Decision: To vary terms of payment as detailed in the attached report, in order to accelerate payments to these businesses

When will the Decision be made? 20/03/20

Will the accompanying report be: Open ☒ Part Exempt ☐ Fully Exempt ☐

Reasons for exemption (if applicable)

The report will contain the following category of Information exempt from publication under the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, namely paragraph:

TYPE OF URGENCY

Please tick all that apply:

- ☐ A. The decision is urgent and 28 clear days' notice of the decision cannot be given but at least 5 clear days' notice can
- ☒ B. The decision is extremely urgent and even 5 clear days' notice of the decision cannot be given
- ☐ C. The decision will be made by members at a meeting and 28 clear days' notice that the proposed decision may be discussed in private (i.e. the report will contain information exempt from publication) cannot be given
- ☒ D. The decision must be implemented urgently and the 5 day call-in period must be dis-applied to allow the decision to take immediate effect.

REASONS FOR URGENCY

If you have selected options A, B or C please explain:

- **Why it was not possible to provide the required notice (i.e. why the decision or exemption was not anticipated)**

This decision will be taken in light of the current outbreak of the Corona Virus – COVID-19, the severity of which only became apparent 14-16 March 2020.

- **Why it is impractical to defer the decision to a later date to allow the appropriate notice to be provided.**

It is anticipated that there will be an impact on small, medium and large scale business in light of the current outbreak of the Corona Virus – COVID-19, and a number of these businesses rely on the Local Authority to fund their services. These businesses will include specific sectors that will require immediate support to manage cash flows, such as Residential/Nursing care homes and care home providers.

If you have selected Option D please explain why the council's interest or the public interest would be seriously prejudiced by the decision not taking immediate effect.

The decision needs to be taken and implemented immediately to give the Council the tools to assist businesses immediately in light of the current Corona Virus – COVID-19 outbreak.

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Director of Finance

Printed Name: Minesh Patel

Signature: *M. Patel*

Chief Executive

Printed Name: Carolyn Downs

Signature: *C. Downs*

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY GOVERNANCE SERVICES

CHAIR OF SCRUTINY

Notice to: Councillor Kelcher, Chair of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

The Chair is asked to:

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Note that an urgent decision will be taken as detailed in the form above.

The decision is deemed urgent because insufficient (less than 28 days) notice of the intention to take the decision was provided on the Forward Plan. However, at least 5 clear days' notice has been provided and therefore the Scrutiny Chair is only required to note that the decision will be taken.

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Permit the extremely urgent decision to be taken as detailed in the form above.

The decision is deemed extremely urgent as less than 5 clear days' notice of the intention to take the decision has been provided. The Scrutiny Chair is asked to agree that the decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred for the reasons detailed in the form above.

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Permit discussion of exempt information in private relying on Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

If a report is likely to contain information exempt from publication under schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, then 28 days' notice of this must be provided on the Forward Plan. Where this requirement has not been met, the agreement of the Scrutiny Chair is required before proceeding.

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Permit the dis-application of the 5 day call-in period, allowing the decision detailed in the form above to take immediate effect.

A Cabinet decision or a Key Decision cannot be implemented until the 5 day call in period has elapsed and no valid call-in has been received. The call-in protocol can be dis-applied if the council's or the public interest would be seriously prejudiced by the decision not taking immediate effect. The Chief Executive must determine whether a decision is urgent in this regard. The consent of the Scrutiny Chair to the matter being treated as urgent is also required.

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Notice sent to Councillor Kelcher, Chair of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee on 20/03/20

Chair's approval: Required ☒ Not Required ☐

Date approval granted (if applicable): 20/03/20