

Individual Member Decision Record



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Decision Maker:	Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
Lead Officer:	Karen Iveson, Chief Finance Officer, (SDC) / June Rothwell, Head of Operational Services
Title of Decision:	Grant Funding Scheme for Small Business and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Businesses affected by Covid-19
Ward(s) Affected:	All
Type of Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Key decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non key decision discharging (or connected to the discharge of) an Executive function <input type="checkbox"/> Specific delegation from Council or Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of permission / licence <input type="checkbox"/> Affecting the rights of an individual <input type="checkbox"/> Awarding a contract or incurring expenditure which materially affects the financial position of the Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision under urgency
Details of decision:	<p>The government have recently announced urgent budget measures regarding business rates to provide support for businesses following the COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <p>The Council is expected to implement these measures as quickly as possible to provide immediate help to businesses.</p> <p>On the 20 March 2020 a Business Rates Information Letter (BRIL_5_2020) was published by MHCLG to local authority Chief Finance Officers confirming the grants and encouraging local authorities to do everything possible to issue these as soon as possible. This letter also advised the scheme is being fully</p>

	<p>funded by the Government and Section 31 grant payments will be made to local authorities. The letter also advised Government would meet the associated new burdens funding to cover the administrative costs of implementation. Selby District Council received the grant payment of £17,278,000 on 1 April 2020.</p> <p>The Grant Scheme will provide support to Small Businesses and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Businesses.</p> <p>That as the matter is urgent, due to putting in place arrangements for Covid-19, the Leader agrees that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the Council will begin payments of the grants to eligible businesses commencing 2 April 2020 using the eligibility criteria specified in the guidance and set out in Section 4 of the attached report; and ii. delegated authority be given to the Head of Operational Services to administer the approved Scheme.
<p>Reason for decision:</p>	<p>To administer the government's Small Business Grant Fund and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund to assist businesses affected by Covid-19.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Member Interests: <i>(Name of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision and details of any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service if appropriate)</i></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Legal, Financial or other implications:</p>	<p>The scheme is being fully funded by the Government and will be administered by local authorities. A Section 31 grant payment has been made to local authorities on 1 April and we received £17,278,000.00 initially in funding from MHCLG for these.</p> <p>Fully documented decisions by officers of the reliefs applied to accounts will be made to ensure all requirements are fulfilled. Local authorities are required to report weekly to central government the numbers and value of grants that have been</p>

	<p>issued. This report will be submitted using the DELTA system. The decision is within the Budget and Policy Framework and is not a Key Decision, therefore there is no requirement to consult the Chairs of Policy and Scrutiny on this occasion.</p> <p>As the decision is made under urgency powers it is not subject to call-in. The Chief Executive confirms that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and is to be treated as urgent.</p>
Background papers:	None.
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Signed:	<i>Signature redacted</i> Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Crane
Date of Decision:	2 April 2020