

Individual Member Decision Record



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Decision Maker:	Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
Lead Officers:	Karen Iveson, Chief Finance Officer, (SDC) / June Rothwell, Head of Operational Services
Title of Decision:	Discretionary Business Grant Scheme 2020/21 for businesses affected by Covid-19
Ward(s) Affected:	All
Type of Decision:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key decision <input 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 background is set out in the Officer Report to the Leader dated 2nd June 2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. The Leader agrees that the Selby District Council Discretionary Business Grant Scheme, which follows the government guidance (attached Appendix 1 to the Officer Report) be approved, including the eligibility criteria set out in Section 4 of the Officer Report; and</p> <p>ii. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Operational Services to administer the scheme and that the Chief Finance Officer be authorised to make technical scheme amendments.</p>

Reason for decision:	To administer the government's Discretionary Business Grant Fund to assist businesses affected by Covid-19.
Alternative options considered and rejected:	
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>	None.
Legal, Financial or other implications:	<p>The scheme is being fully funded by the Government and will be administered by local authorities. A Section 31 grant payment will be made to local authorities and Selby District Council will receive £876,750 in funding from MHCLG for the extended scheme.</p> <p>Fully documented decisions by officers of how the grant scheme is applied will be made to ensure scheme criteria requirements are met. Local authorities are required to report weekly to central government the numbers and value of grants that have been issued. This report will be submitted using the DELTA system.</p> <p>The decision is within the Budget and Policy Framework and therefore there is no requirement to consult the Chair of Policy. It is a key decision and the Chair of Scrutiny Committee agrees that the matter is urgent due to the Covid-19 impact.</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:	4 June 2020