

**Decision Session - Executive Member For Finance and Performance in consultation with Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods (for agenda item 4, Extension Of Hardship Fund Support)**

**Tuesday, 27 October 2020**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session - Executive Member For Finance And Performance In Consultation With Executive Member For Housing And Safer Neighbourhoods (For Agenda Item 4, Extension of Hardship Fund Support) held on Tuesday 27 October 2020. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact the Democracy Officer responsible for servicing the meeting.

**4. Extension of Hardship Fund Support**

Resolved: That;

- a) The financial support provided to residents to date be noted.
- b) Approval be given to the extension of the hardship scheme with council funding to 31 March 2021
- c) Approval be given to the continuation of the community based welfare support and discretionary free school meals as set out at Table 1.

Reason: To provide financial support to the councils most financially vulnerable residents during the covid-19 pandemic.

**5. Update in relation to the impact of Covid 19 on the City Of York Council's Commercial Property Portfolio**

Resolved: That;

- i. the position and the support that the City Council has provided to the businesses within its commercial property portfolio in relation to the COVID-19 situation be noted;
- ii. the impact of COVID-19 situation on the previously agreed lease to Spark:York be noted and that agreement be given to the removal of the obligation upon Spark:York to provide a deposit/bond payment and guarantee from one of its directors as part of the pre requisites originally required for the grant of a further lease.

Reason: To note the current impact of Covid-19 on the City Council's commercial property following the grant of rent deferments, as set out in the report and to provide Spark York with further support and financial viability for their short term use of 17-21 Piccadilly.