



Notice of a public

Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance and Performance

To: Councillor Ayre

Date: Wednesday, 7 October 2020

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Remote Meeting

AGENDA

Notice to Members – Post Decision Calling In:

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item* on this agenda, notice must be given to Democratic Services by **4:00 pm on Friday, 9 October 2020.**

*With the exception of matters that have been the subject of a previous call in, require Full Council approval or are urgent which are not subject to the call-in provisions. Any items that are called in will be considered by the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee.

Written representations in respect of items on this agenda should be submitted to Democratic Services by **5:00pm on Monday, 5 October 2020.**

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member is asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
 - any prejudicial interests or
 - any disclosable pecuniary interests
- which he may have in respect of business on this agenda.

- 2. Minutes** (Pages 1 - 4)
To approve and sign the minutes of the Decision Session held on 24 September 2020.

- 3. Public Participation**
At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. Members of the public may speak on agenda items or on matters within the remit of the committee.

Please note that our registration deadlines have changed to 2 working days before the meeting, in order to facilitate the management of public participation at remote meetings. The deadline for registering at this meeting is **5:00pm on Monday, 5 October 2020.**

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- 4. Covid-19: Local Restrictions Support Grant***
Report to follow

This report will outline the financial support scheme for businesses during local lockdown, the rules of which are set by government but include an element of local discretion for businesses with no rateable value, and will ask the Executive Member to approve the York scheme.

5. Covid-19: Self- Isolation Financial Support*

Report to follow

This report will outline the financial support scheme for residents who are financially vulnerable and have to isolate due to Covid-19, the rules of which are set by government but include an element of local discretion for those facing financial hardship who do not meet the rules, and will ask the Executive Member to approve the York scheme.

**Note: Items 4 and 5 above have been on the Forward Plan for less than 28 days before the date of this meeting, because the government scheme for Local Restrictions Support Grant was not announced until the week commencing 21 September. An agenda supplement with the reports attached will be published as soon as possible.*

6. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Executive Member considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance and Performance in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Strategic Planning
Date	24 September 2020
Present	Councillor Ayre (Executive Member for Finance and Performance) and Councillor Waller (Executive Member for Economy and Strategic Planning)
Officers in Attendance	Pauline Stuchfield, (Assistant Director of Customer and Digital Services), David Walker (Head of Customer and Exchequer Services)

18. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Members were asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or discloseable pecuniary interests that they might have in respect of business on the agenda. No interests were declared.

19. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session - Executive Member for Finance and Performance held on 24 July 2020 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Executive Member at a later date.

20. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

21. Covid-19 Business Grant Report

The Executive Member for Finance and Performance and the Executive Member for Economy and Strategic Planning considered a report that gave the details of the financial support provided by City of York Council (CYC) to businesses in York through all grants and business rate reliefs during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Assistant Director of Customer and Digital Services was in attendance to provide an update and it was noted that the Government had sought to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on businesses through a mix of grants and business rate reliefs delivered at local level, which included:

- Business rates discount of 100% for qualifying retail businesses.
- Retail, hospitality and leisure grants.
- Small business grant scheme.

The Assistant Director confirmed that the council was aware at an early stage that the Government schemes had some gaps, especially for micro businesses, so the council introduced its own Micro Grant scheme to support those businesses that had no Rateable Value and following a Government announcement on 1 May, a new discretionary grant scheme was introduced to support businesses who 'fell through the cracks' of the main grant scheme. This scheme superseded the councils own micro scheme as an enhanced micro grant scheme on 1 June 2020.

The Executive Members noted the various grants and business rate reliefs offered including the total number of businesses that had received an award and the total value of payments issued.

The Executive Members commended all officers for their response to the pandemic and for ensuring that all the resources provided by the Government and the council were issued rapidly and efficiently. It was confirmed that the council would continue to lobby central Government to make more funds available, particularly for those businesses that had not qualified for funding.

Resolved:

- i) That the financial value and number of businesses supported by the council be noted.
- ii) That the speed and efficiency in distributing the support be noted.
- iii) That it be noted that the Government's Small Business Grants (SBG) and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure grants (RHLG) closed for applications on 28 August 2020.

Reason: To clearly set out the extent of the financial support provided by the council and the speed at which it was provided to businesses in York.

Cllr Ayre, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.13 pm].

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