

OFFICER DECISION – URGENT SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Decision: <i>To implement an emergency hardship fund for local SMEs</i>			
Date of Decision: 31 st March 2020			
Type of Decision:	Key		Non-Key
Please tick one of the following:			
<u>Reason for this being a Key Decision:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involves significant expenditure or saving; ✓ • Is significant in terms of its effects on communities (eg will effect one or more Wards); • Decision Maker is acting under emergency powers; • Decision maker is entitled to make a Key Decision as part of delivery of non-contentious operational business 			
<u>Reason for this not being a Key Decision:</u> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting under the Officer Scheme of Delegation in accordance with the Constitution 			
Portfolio Area that decision relates to:			
<i>It is assumed that all portfolio areas are affected unless stated otherwise.</i>			
Leader (inc Policy, Strategy and Partnerships) Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Adult Social Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culture, Leisure & Communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finance and Performance	x	Economy and Strategic Planning	x
Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods Children, Young People and Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment and Climate Change	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Implications: Crime & Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial	x	ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Other:	
		Highways	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Property	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wards Affected:*[it is assumed that all wards are affected unless stated otherwise below]*

All Wards	x	Fishergate		Holgate		Rural West York	
Acomb		Fulford & Heslington		Hull Road		Strensall	
Bishopthorpe		Guildhall		Huntington & New Earswick		Westfield	
Clifton		Haxby & Wigginton		Micklegate		Wheldrake	
Copmanthorpe		Heworth		Osbalwick & Derwent			
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe		Heworth Without		Rawcliffe & Clifton			

Comments/Observations:

Consultation:

Prior to making the decision the Deputy Chief Executive will proactively consult with the following:

- Leader of the Council (and in his absence the Deputy Leader of the Council)
- Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer)
- Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer)
- Head of HR & OD (where relevant and appropriate)
- Director of Public Health (where relevant and appropriate)

Decision: To support York businesses, including the self-employed, to adapt to new trading arrangements during social distancing and the Covid-19 temporary measures but who are not eligible to receive any of the business rate reliefs or grants announced by Government over recent days through a £1m grants fund. Businesses can apply for a grant of up to £1,000. In addition, we will make free membership of the Federation of Small Businesses available to eligible York businesses, up to a ceiling of £114k of membership fees in the first instance.

Reason for the Decision: To support the York economy through the Covid-19 outbreak, helping its small, micro and one person businesses to adapt to new trading conditions.

Decision Made by: Deputy Chief Executive
Contact Details:

To be implemented by: Simon Brereton, Head of Economic Growth

On Completion:

Date:

Completed decision noted by Monitoring Officer

PLEASE NOTE: This decision will be reported retrospectively to the relevant committee as and when it is appropriate to do so.

In the meantime, this decision will be reported as a Leader or Officer Decision on the Council's website.