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16 FEBRUARY 2022

419. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Managing Director declared no interests.

420. COVID-19 ADDITIONAL RELIEF FUND (CARF)

The Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund scheme sets out the proposed eligibility for a payment under the Covid -19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF).

The Council, as the Business Rates Billing Authority, is responsible for determining and processing the relief. The aim of this relief scheme is to support businesses which have been impacted by Covid-19 but are not eligible for existing support linked to business rates. This scheme is the system by which the Government have allowed for the effects that COVID would have had on the Rateable Value and therefore ultimately the charge to the ratepayer.

If applications are successful it will result in a reduction in the rates liability for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. It is not paid as a grant.

Eligibility for the scheme is restricted due to the limited availability of funding.

Under the emergency powers set out in Rule 26.22 of the Council's Constitution the Managing Director made the following decision in consultation with Councillors Forward, Barnett, Batsford, Chowney, Rogers, Webb and Hilton.

RESOLVED:

Cabinet agrees the Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) scheme and the expenditure of up to up to £1,560,258 funding received from HMG.

Reasons:

The council needs a policy to determine eligibility criteria.

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Minute Annex

Managing Director Decision Notice



In accordance with Rule 26.22 of the Constitution the following decision was made using the emergency powers granted to the Managing Director.

The reasons for the decisions are set out in the relevant minutes.

Item: Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF)

Report Author: Peter Grace, Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues (Chief Finance Officer)

Decision Type: Cabinet

Decision:

Cabinet agrees the Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) scheme and the expenditure of up to up to £1,560,258 funding received from HMG.

Decision made in consultation with:

Cabinet	For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Forward	x		
Councillor Barnett	x		
Councillor Batsford	x		
Councillor Chowney	x		
Councillor Evans			
Councillor Rogers	x		
Councillor Webb	x		
Opposition			
Councillor Patmore			
Councillor Hilton	x		

Signed

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Jane Hartnell
Managing Director
Hastings Borough Council