

Managing Director Decision Record

Part 4 of the Council's Constitutional Emergency Powers



Date: 9th June 2020

Item: Discretionary Business Grant Scheme Policy

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

Decision type: Cabinet

Recommendations:

1. The Council's Managing Director in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader, and the lead member for Financial Management and Estates approve the Hastings Discretionary Business Grants Policy on behalf of the Council's Cabinet under Emergency Powers (part 4 of the Council's constitution rule 26.22).
2. The Chief Finance Officer is authorised to make technical amendments and adjustments to the scheme in consultation with the lead member for Financial Management and Estates to ensure available funding is distributed, and that it meets the criteria set by the Council and remains in line with Central Government guidance.

Reasons for Recommendations:

1. The Council needs to agree a Discretionary Grant scheme as a matter of urgency to support businesses within the Borough.
2. Developing a scheme which has limited levels of funding that can not be exceeded, requires a degree of delegated authority to make technical amendments and adjustments to the scheme if grants are to be awarded quickly and to those which meet the eligibility criteria.

Decision made in consultation with:

Cabinet	For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Forward	X		
Councillor Fitzgerald	X		
Councillor Chowney	X		
Councillor Barnett			
Councillor Batsford			
Councillor Evans			
Councillor O'Callaghan	X		
Councillor Rogers			
Opposition			
Councillor Lee	X		
Councillor Patmore	X		

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave approval for this decision to be made in accordance with rule 26.21 (Special Urgency) of the Council's Constitution.

Signed



Jane Hartnell
Managing Director
Hastings Borough Council