

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

URGENCY AUTHORISATION

(Decisions that require urgent determination made in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14 are not subject to the call-in procedure).

I hereby certify that the decision indicated below is urgent, that executive action cannot be delayed for the usual five working day period, and it will not be possible to provide five clear days' notice of the decision to be taken.

Signed: Andrew Weavers
Proper Officer

Dated: 19 November 2020

Signed: Kevin Bentley
Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel

Dated: 19 November 2020

TITLE OF REPORT COVID19 – Business Grants

RECORD OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS - REF NO: STR-002-20

Decisions to be taken are as follows:-

- 2.1 To agree to the approach for distributing the mandatory government grant schemes.
- 2.2 To approve the local discretionary scheme for the Additional Restrictions Grant and Local Restrictions Support Grant (open).
- 2.3 To approve the release of payment of the business grants to those businesses within the Borough which meet the criteria as detailed in this report.
- 2.4 To delegate decisions on any minor technical changes to the Assistant Director for Customer, in consultation, where needed, with the Portfolio Holder for Business and Resources.

REASONS FOR CONSIDERING THE MATTER TO BE URGENT

Delay in implementation of decision would mean the Council was unable to put in place a scheme for distributing mandatory government grants by 27 November 2020 as required by Government, and to prepare by publishing an application form for businesses in advance.

NB: Copy of signed form to be circulated to Group Leaders and appropriate Group Spokespersons.