

## Urgent Key Delegated Decision

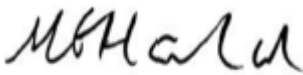
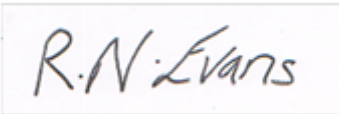
This form is the written record of an urgent key decision taken by an officer.

<b>Lead director:</b>	Director of Resources and Housing	
<b>Contact person:</b>	Victoria Bradshaw	Telephone number:
		0756 243 9192
<b>Subject<sup>1</sup>:</b>	Coronavirus Expenditure	
<b>Decision details:</b>	<p>What decision has been taken?<sup>2</sup></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authority to spend the £21,964,950 of funding provided by MHCLG to address pressures faced across all service areas in response to the Covid-19 pandemic;</li> <li>• Exempt the decision from call in on the grounds of urgency for the reasons set out below.</li> </ul>	
	<p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision<sup>3</sup></p> <p>The World Health Organisation (WHO) have declared the global COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic. Local Government is a key national partner in the British Government's response to the pandemic emergency. As such the government have provided £21,964,950 to Leeds City Council to offset the costs of the Council's discharge of its functions in relation to the pandemic. This authority to spend enables the council to respond quickly, in the rapidly changing context and in line with guidance that is being issued from Government to meet the needs of our communities, staff and partners.</p>	
	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time of making the decision</p> <p>Authorisation of expenditure in relation to individual items of spend would severely impact on the authority's ability to act in an agile and responsive manner with the potential to put residents' and staff's lives at risk.</p>	
<b>Affected wards:</b>	All	

<sup>1</sup> If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

<sup>2</sup> Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.

<sup>3</sup> Include any significant financial, procurement or legal implications

<b>Details of consultation undertaken<sup>4</sup>:</b>	Executive Member Councillor Lewis, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Resources has been consulted and is content with the proposed decision.	
	Ward Councillors NA	
	Others Scrutiny Chairs have been consulted and agree to this approach to decision making in relation to the funding. It is noted that Scrutiny Chairs will receive weekly briefings in relation to significant operational decisions taken as a consequence of this key decision.	
<b>Implementation</b>	Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation  Immediate. Each Director to be responsible for the decision in their area of responsibility	
<b>Special Urgency</b>	A brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision  The rapidly changing context and national guidance require the funding to be applied at pace to ensure that the Council can respond quickly to the needs of our communities, staff and partners.	
<b>Approval of Scrutiny Chair:</b>	Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) Chair Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources) Cllr Harland	
	Signature 	Date 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>Call In</b>	If exempt from call-in, the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:  The rapidly changing context and national guidance require the funding to be applied at pace to ensure that the Council can respond quickly to the needs of our communities, staff and partners.	
<b>Approval of Decision</b>	Authorised decision maker <sup>5</sup> Director of Resources and Housing	
		Date: 06/04/20

<sup>4</sup> Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

<sup>5</sup> Name the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.

