

## **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL URGENCY**

### **Rule 2.6 Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules**

It is a general requirement of the Council Constitution that advance notice of Key Decisions will be given in the List of Forthcoming Key Decisions (the List). Paragraph 2.6 of the Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules details 'Special Urgency' procedures to be applied where notice of a Key Decision has not been included in the List and where the decision is of such urgency that it cannot be deferred.

The Chair of the Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board has agreed that the decision referred to below is of 'Special Urgency' and that it can be taken forthwith and has signified such agreement by signing this document.

The decision to be taken<sup>1</sup>:

Approval of the Leeds COVID-19 Discretionary Grant Scheme and approval of the delegation to award individual grants to officers with delegated authority under City Development's existing Sub delegation scheme.

(In addition to this brief description relevant documentation<sup>2</sup> is attached)  
The report and delegated decision notice contain the full details.

The reason why the decision cannot be deferred and must be exempted from forward notification and call-in requirements<sup>3</sup>.

The recommendations contained in this report are Key Decisions which have not been included the List of Forthcoming Key Decisions for 28 clear days before they will be made. Given that the Government has asked local authorities to make grant payments as quickly as possible to support struggling businesses, it would be impractical to defer the decisions sought until they have been included in the List of Forthcoming Key Decisions for 28 clear days as the decisions are urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred.

As a consequence of the lockdown measures associated with the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, many businesses and local charities are suffering significant financial hardship. Consequently, this scheme has been brought forward at pace following the publication of the Government's guidance towards the end of last month to ensure that applications can be received from the 1st June 2020. In light of the need to progress the distribution of grants as quickly as possible, this report has been designated as exempt from call-in. The decisions sought could not have been made earlier due to the need to design a scheme in accordance with Government guidance which was issued on 13 May.

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<sup>1</sup> Detail decision by reference to report and Delegated Decision Notice

<sup>2</sup> Attach the report to the relevant Director and Delegated Decision Notice

<sup>3</sup> Give both the reason why the decision cannot be delayed and the reason why the decision could not be taken earlier.

I agree that the decision referred to above is of special urgency and that it can be taken forthwith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Truswell'.

Signature

Name<sup>4</sup> Councillor Paul Truswell

Designation<sup>5</sup>

Chair of the Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board

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<sup>4</sup> Type in name of Member to sign Special Urgency Approval

<sup>5</sup> Chair of Scrutiny Board / Lord Mayor