

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – L58 20/21


Decision	
1	Title of decision: Local Authority Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme for businesses.
2	Decision maker (Cabinet member name and portfolio title): Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader of the Council)
3	Report author and contact details: Amanda Ratsey (Head of Economy, Enterprise and Employment) Amanda.ratsey@plymouth.gov.uk
4	Decision to be taken: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To adopt the criteria for the Discretionary fund as set out in the report To delegate the administration of the Fund to the s151 Officer in consultation with the Leader and Service Director for Economic Development
5	Reasons for decision: <p>The government has made available additional funding to support business recovery following the third national lockdown due to Covid19. This scheme is Plymouth City Council's approach to delivering the fund, following the government guidance. This is one of a number of support programmes that have been provided by government. The funding allocated to Plymouth is £1.213,895 million which can be spent at the discretion of the Local Authority from April 2021 through to March 2022.</p> <p>The purpose of this grant scheme is to support businesses that are not eligible for the restart grant and therefore fall through the gaps, it is important that we align this scheme with the restart grant scheme to ensure fairness of opportunity to all businesses across the city. Under the Additional Restrictions grant scheme we have already received £1.75m which needs to be defrayed by the 30th June 2021 to enable us to draw down the extra £1.2m, in order to be able to meet these timescales we will need to commence work as soon as possible.</p>
6	Alternative options considered and rejected: To not implement the fund. This would prevent further financial support to businesses who have been ineligible for support from other schemes.
7	Financial implications: The funding allocated to Plymouth is £1.213,895 million which can be spent at the discretion of the Local Authority from April 2021 through to March 2022. This is fully funded by government. The cost of administering this scheme is currently being absorbed by the Council.

8	Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:
			X	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total
			X	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1 million
			X	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
	If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions	N/A		
9	Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:	This decision supports the Growing Plymouth theme by ensuring impact on the economy from the Covid19 lockdown is minimised.		
10	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	None directly arising from the recommendation from this report		

Urgent decisions

11	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?	Yes	x	(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No		(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	Reason for urgency: <p>The purpose of this grant scheme is to support businesses that are not eligible for the restart grant and therefore fall through the gaps, it is important that we align this scheme with the restart grant scheme to ensure fairness of opportunity to all businesses across the city. Under the Additional Restrictions grant scheme we have already received £1.75m which needs to be defrayed by the 30th June 2021 to enable us to draw down the extra £1.2m, if we wait until after the election to launch this scheme we will have lost two weeks (20% of the time) and will put massive pressure on an already under resourced team.</p>			
12b	Scrutiny Chair Signature:	Councillor Darren Winter by email.	Date	26/04/21
	Scrutiny Committee name:	Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change		
	Print Name:	Councillor Darren Winter.		

Consultation				
I3a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?	Yes	x	
		No		(If no go to section I4)
I3b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	Councillor Mark Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)		
I3c	Date Cabinet member consulted	24/04/21		
I4	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	x	
I5	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Brendan Arnold	
		Job title	Service Director for Finance	
		Date consulted	24/04/21	
Sign-off				
I6	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	DSI38 20/21	
		Finance (mandatory)	ba.21.22.06	
		Legal (mandatory)	MS/22.04.21	
		Human Resources (if applicable)		
		Corporate property (if applicable)		
		Procurement (if applicable)		
Appendices				
I7	Ref.	Title of appendix		
	A	Executive Decision Briefing Paper for Additional Restrictions Grant scheme.		
Confidential/exempt information				
I8a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for

		No	x	publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:							
Background Papers								
19	<p>Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below.</p> <p>Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</p>							
Title of background paper(s)		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cabinet Member Signature								
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature				Date of decision		24/04/2021		
Print Name		Councillor Tudor Evans OBE						