

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER EMERGENCY URGENCY POWERS

SUMMARY OF DECISION TO BE TAKEN:

Agree as an urgent decision for the Council to make up to £612,750 of Discretionary Business Grant payments to eligible Crawley business applicants, subject to the successful completion of due diligence, application assessment and fraud checks (in accordance with government requirements).

ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE: Cabinet

RELEVANT PERSONS CONSULTED:

Councillor Lamb (Leader of the Council) – *Response received confirming support.*

Councillor P Smith (Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development) – *Response received confirming support.*

Councillor Crow (Leader of the Conservative Group) – *Response received confirming support*

Councillor Purdy (Shadow Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development) – *Response received confirming support*

Consultation undertaken on: Monday 20th July

DECISION: Approve the release of Discretionary Business Grant payments up to a cumulative total of £612,750 and to delegate to the Head of Corporate Finance and the Head of Economy and Planning the decisions on individual business grant payments, subject to successful due diligence checks, application assessment and fraud checks.

REASONS FOR DECISION AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

The government has provided £612,750 of additional business grants funding on top of their programme allocation for the Small Business Grants scheme and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure scheme.

The additional funding is time limited, it represents 5% of the government business grants programme allocation for Crawley and is discretionary and therefore not prescribed by the government. Therefore a local authority decision is required.

I hereby agree that I will take the decision as set out above, for the reasons detailed, under the Council's Emergency Urgency Powers.

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

Chief Executive
Date: 21 July 2020