

REPORT OF **Head of Communities & Place**
To: **Community and Resources Committee**
Subject: **Decision taken under Urgency Procedure**
Date: **7th December 2020** **Reference:**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:
To report a decision taken under Urgency Procedure

1. INTRODUCTION

Recently, in relation to the Covid lockdown that commenced on the 5th November and any subsequent lockdowns or restrictive tier arrangements, the Government announced a range of grant funds that were intended to support local business that suffer as a result.

It was important that the various schemes were open for application as soon as possible and therefor, in the case of the Additional Restrictions Grant, it was necessary to devise and launch the scheme before it could be presented to Community and Resources Committee.

The attached policy allows the fund to be spent over this financial year and the next as is the intention of Government. The policy specifically holds back 50% of the fund until next year (20/21) as it is felt that businesses will still be in need then. The intention is to bring a report to Committee for a decision as to how to administer this and how business support services that will have a lasting impact beyond that of any grant might form an element of how we use part of the £1.34M budget that has been allocated for Additional Restrictions Support.

2. REPORT

See attached Additional Restrictions Grant policy and urgency procedure form.

3. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Human Resources Implications

N/A

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

N/A

Equality/Diversity

N/A

Risk Management



N/A
Compliance with Policies and Strategies

Data Protection (GDPR) Implications

Climate Change

N/A

Ward Member and Lead Member Views
Date of Consultation – N/A

4. CONCLUSIONS

N/A

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The member note the decision made under urgency procedure.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultations:	Date of Consultation –Chief Executive, Leader, chair of Community and Resources Committee.
Contact Officer:	Officers Consulted - Sean Kearney
Background Papers:	

