



AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL URGENCY DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY CABINET

1. Date of Cabinet meeting
8 th September 2021
2. Report of (Portfolio Holder)
Cllr Procter, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Housing and Tourism
3. Subject and/or details of matter (Please attach a copy of the report)
<p>To encourage Local Authorities to support businesses as quickly as possible, Government announced in April 2021 that Local Authorities who could defray all of their Covid-19 Additional Restrictions Grant by 30th June 2021 (subsequently extended to 31st July 2021) would be eligible to draw down a further allocation which can be used for wider business support activities. NELC were able to meet this target and have subsequently been awarded a further £891,622 which must be defrayed by 31st March 2022.</p>
4. Details of Decision Required
<p>That Cabinet notes the award of additional funding.</p> <p>That Cabinet delegates authority to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources to defray Phase 3 Assisted Restrictions Grant (ARG) funding through an extension to the Digital Boost Grant, and Capital business grants for equipment or technology, or otherwise at the Executive Director's discretion, which will boost trade for those most affected or create additional jobs.</p>

5. Reasons for Urgency

In order to achieve defrayal by the deadline, the grant scheme will need to launch as soon as possible.

The signatories below agree that this matter be considered as urgent business at the above mentioned meeting of Cabinet, and therefore not subject to the call-in mechanism.

6. Leader/Deputy Leader (in the Leader's absence):

Name: Councillor Philip Jackson

Title: Leader of the Council

Signed: REDACTED

Dated: 08.09.21

7. Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Panel:

Name: Councillor Paul Silvester

Title: Chair of Communities
Scrutiny Panel

Signed: Original signed

Date: 8th September 2021