

Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

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COVID-19 Business Support Grants: Additional Restrictions Grant Policy (January 2022)

During the COVID 19 Pandemic the Government introduced funding for several business grants which local authorities were responsible for administering on their behalf.

In December 2021 the Government announced the funding for two further grants. The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant was mandated with strict eligibility criteria, and a top up to the discretionary Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG). Guidance was published for both grants on the 30 December 2021.

Local authorities were asked to further develop local discretionary criteria for the payment of the ARG.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Resources

Decision published: 24/01/2022

Effective from: 24/01/2022

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that:

Approval is given for the Additional Restrictions Grant revised policy as set out in Annex 1

To delegate the application of the grant fund to the Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, the CX, and the Monitoring Officer to ensure the grant is distributed within the £366k ARG funding allocation, with fair distribution across the eligible business groups.

This decision was made under part 4C Rule 4 and Part 4B Rule 16 of the council's constitution as an urgent decision. This matter was urgent because the council needed to implement the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme at pace to allow the grant application process to be opened as soon as possible. This allowed support to businesses impacted by the rise in case numbers of the Omicron Covid 19 variant to be provided as quickly as possible.

Lead officer: Steve Harman

Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document Review

To update the current HMO SPD to include provision of additional guidance to support policy updates proposed within the Local Plan Partial Update (policy H2), and updates to the assessments used to test planning applications for new and intensified HMOs.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing

Decision published: 13/01/2022

Effective from: 21/01/2022

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees to:

Adopt the Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document (HMO SPD)

Wards affected: (All Wards)

Lead officer: Richard Daone

Schools Funding Formula

The schools funding formula is the mechanism by which schools in the Local Authority are funded. The DFE issue direction and guidance on the make-up and values of the formula but local decisions are made to the exact mechanisms.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Communities and Culture

Decision published: 11/01/2022

Effective from: 19/01/2022

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees to:

1. Agree the changes to the formula set out in the report, adopting the new methodology of the National Funding Formula (NFF) and to utilise the factor values provided by the DFE, providing the resources are available.
2. Agree that should resources not allow the funding of the formula factors in full that a proportionate reduction of all factors is made to reduce the allocations to fit the resources available

Wards affected: (All Wards)

Lead officer: Richard Morgan

Adoption of an Enforcement Policy for the Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015

The Council has a duty to enforce the Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015 which are fully implemented from April 2020 and needs to adopt a policy to set out how Officers will enforce the Regulations to maintain minimum energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing

Decision published: 21/12/2021

Effective from: 01/01/2022

Decision:

The Cabinet Member has considered the matter and agrees that the Council should adopt the Policy as the way the Council will enforce the Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015.

Wards affected: (All Wards).

Lead officer: Stuart Brown
