
REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS

1 Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(g), it is reported to Council that the following decision was taken as a matter of urgency and not subject to call in

1.1 That the Council enters into a grant agreement with Essex County Council (ECC) to receive monies from ECC from which to administer the Essex Business Adaptations Fund (EBAF) in the form of grant payments to local businesses in Rochford district.

1.2 That the Assistant Director for Place and Environment finalises the grant agreement with ECC in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Enterprise.

Reason: There is a clear need to administer this funding with expediency to maximise the benefit to businesses.

1.3 That the wording set out in paragraphs 3.2 and 4.2 of the report replace the wording in the corresponding paragraphs of the Council's Standing Orders for remote meetings that were published on 1 June.

Reason: In order that revised remote meetings Procedure Rules can be introduced to expedite Council business at upcoming Executive, Committee and Council meetings incorporating lessons learned as a result of experience of holding remote meetings over the past six months.

1.4 That the ARG and LRSG (Open) Grant Scheme Policies, per the attached appendices, be approved.

Reason: The Government has made available grant funding to Local Authorities to support businesses impacted by COVID-19. The Government has asked for this funding to be made available to local businesses as soon as possible.

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