

## **SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

### **OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD (Non Key)**

The following Category 2 decision was taken on 21 May 2020 by an authorised Director from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident Management Group, in accordance with the Council's Covid-19 Decision Making Schema.

Date notified to all Members: Thursday 28 May 2020

Decisions under the “**Making decisions during the Covid-19 crisis: Sheffield City Council Schema**”, made as an urgent response to issues connected with the coronavirus crisis, have been removed from the call-in process, and are therefore not subject to call-in for scrutiny.

1. **TITLE**

New Covid-19 Grant Funding For Small Businesses

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

To approve:-

- (a) the proposed local eligibility criteria and application process for administering the Covid-19 grant for small businesses;
- (b) local funding approval in line with government guidance;
- (c) delegated decision making for amendments to grant criteria, if required; and
- (d) a request to lobby the Government to increase the funding available to reflect local need.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The Council has been asked to administer a new government funded Covid-19 grant for small businesses that were not eligible under the last two grant schemes. A paper has been drawn up that identifies the funding available and outlines the proposed eligibility criteria and application/payment process.

This is funding made available to support local small businesses not eligible under previous schemes. The eligibility criteria and application process has been drawn up in line with the priorities suggested by Government and with information obtained by Business Sheffield from their engagement with businesses in respect to the Covid-19 outbreak and support to access the two existing Business Rate grant schemes.

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Business and Investment have been fully involved in the development of the criteria.

4. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of City Growth, Place Portfolio.

