

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice under Regulation 11: Key Decisions taken in cases of Special Urgency

Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 ('the Regulations'), **I hereby give Notice** that:-

The Leader intends to make a Key Decision on behalf of the Sheffield City Council about the provision of Omicron Grants to businesses severely affected by the variant and suffering a loss of income.

This decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. Consequently it has not been possible to give 5 clear days' notice of the intention to make the Key Decision, as required by Regulation 10 of the Regulations.

The reasons why the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred are as follows:-

- 1) The grants are being made available to businesses that are suffering from a loss of trade and income as a result of the Omicron variant and restrictions. It is critical to ensure that financial support to businesses is provided as quickly as possible to assist their survival and encourage employee retention which in turn protects the wider Sheffield economy.
- 2) The ARG guidance requires all ARG funding to be defrayed by 31st March 2022. To meet this deadline all applications need to be submitted no later than the end of February 2022 in order to be verified and paid. In order to give businesses the maximum opportunity to access support it is critical to launch the scheme as soon as possible.

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As required by Regulation 11 of the Regulations, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Scrutiny has been informed of the matter about which the Key Decision is to be made by being given the above Notice, and has agreed that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Pursuant to Regulation 11 (2) this Copy of the Notice was published on the Council's website on 14 January 2022.