

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Removal from Call-in Process ("fast track") Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17

Subject: Omicron Business Grants

Decision Maker: The Leader

Date of Decision: 11/01/2022

Decision to be removed from Call-in process:-

That the Leader:

- 1) Accepts the amount of ARG funding provided by the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority for this scheme.
- 2) Approves the ARG scheme as set out in section 1.3.3
- 3) Where not already covered by the Leaders Scheme of Delegation, delegates authority to the Executive Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Executive Member for Inclusive Economy, Jobs and Skills to take decisions to implement the scheme as outlined in this report and receive any further allocations of ARG and develop and implement business support schemes with the ARG guidance available at that time.
- 4) Notes the implementation of the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant scheme as required by Government

Reasons for Urgency

- 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.

We certify that the above item of business is urgent and that its delay for scrutiny would consequently significantly prejudice the interests of the Council or a third party. (To be signed by an Executive Director and 2 Statutory Officers)

Signed Mick Crofts..... Date 10/01/2022.....

Executive Director, Place

Plus any two of the following Statutory Officers:-

Signed Date
Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive)

Signed Eugene Walker..... Date 10/01/2022....
Chief Finance Officer (Executive Director, Resources)

Signed Gillian Duckworth..... Date 10/01/2022
Monitoring Officer (Director of Legal & Governance)

Consultation with the appropriate Executive Member / Chair of the Co-operative Executive

I confirm that I have been consulted about and support the removal of this item of business from the call-in process.

Signed Cate MacDonald Date 06/01/2022

Executive Member for Finance

Lead Officer to Complete

As Lead Officer (LO), I confirm that I have notified the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee* detailed below, that the decision is urgent and they are aware that the decision is being removed from the call-in process.

Scrutiny Chair: Denise Fox.

Scrutiny Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Management

LO Signature *Ben Morley*..... Date 10/01/2022

Print Name: Ben Morley.....

Position: Head of Programmes and Accountable Body.....

In the absence of the Scrutiny Chair, the Lord Mayor / or Deputy Lord Mayor should be notified and recorded above.