

DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject	Discretionary Grants Policy
Officer Requesting Decision	Chief Financial Officer
Officer Making the Decision	Executive Director
Authority for Decision	<p>Part 2B of the Council Constitution and specifically Article 2.3(b) (p.4) which states the following; 2.3 Each Head of Service is authorised to do the following: (a) Take any action to maintain the operation and effectiveness of services within his or her remit.</p> <p>Consultation pursuant to Emergency Powers; Consultation undertaken with both the Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny, and the three Group Leaders. This is in accordance with Part 3D Article 16 of the Council Constitution. All consultees support the recommendations and the exercising of such powers.</p>
Recommendation	<p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Executive Director under emergency delegated authority approves the adoption of the Rugby Borough Council Discretionary Grant Policy. 2) Delegated authority is given to the Executive Director in consultation with the CFO to implement and administer a scheme in accordance with the principles of the attached policy. 3) Delegated Authority is given to the Executive Director in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to enter into and put in any additional safeguards, such as legal agreements to protect the Council.
Alternatives considered and rejected	To not approve the recommendations would result in those that qualify for support under the policy would not receive the financial benefits of the policy.
Decision	Approve

Reason	<p>1) Adoption of a policy to enable the discretionary grant to be paid to businesses as part of the Council's response to COVID-19</p> <p>2) To enable the efficient administration of the scheme and minimising delay and contact with businesses.</p> <p>3) To administer the scheme meeting the needs of businesses whilst securing the scheme from fraud and abuse.</p> <p>4) Given the COVID-19 crisis, there is a need to implement the scheme urgently to ensure that business can access funding as soon as possible.</p> <p>5) To enable the efficient administration of the scheme and minimising delay and contact with businesses</p>
Date	9 th June 2020
Background Papers	Officer report dated 9 th June 2020
Decision record kept until	9 th June 2026
Background papers kept until	9 th June 2023

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Dated.....09/06/20.....