

Officer Executive Decisions

COVID-19 Further Business Support Schemes

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date

On 14 January 2021, the Leader, using urgency powers, agreed to reopen the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) scheme in the form previously agreed on 4 December 2020 except to remove the closing date for applications as set out in paragraph 3.3 and Appendix 1 of the report and in doing so agreed to:

- delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to consider and determine applications made under this Scheme;
- delegate authority to the CFO, in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio for Business Management, to make minor amendments to this Scheme to enable it to adapt to the economic environment;
- delegate authority to the CFO, in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Business Management, to determine when the scheme should be closed.

(Decision no.: 8/2021)

The report may be found on the [Council's website](#).

Decision

The decision was taken that the Business and Skills team would assess the eligibility of claims under the agreed scheme, and it continues to do so. No amendments were made to this scheme, although other schemes have subsequently been agreed, also funded from this ARG. The original ARG scheme will remain open until 31 March 2022.

Reasons for Decision

It was decided that the impact of the pandemic would continue to affect local businesses and so the scheme should remain open for as long as the grant conditions allow, which is until 31 March 2022.

Date of Decision

Immediately following the granting of delegation under the Leader's urgency powers made on 14 January 2021.

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Details of any other options considered and rejected

None

Conflicts of Interest

None