



Notice relating to an urgent forthcoming Cabinet decision

Additional Restriction Grant Defrayal – Omicron Update

This is a key decision required to be taken urgently by the Cabinet member responsible for Development and Corporate Landlord. The decision has not previously been included in the Cabinet work programme and advertised 28 clear days in advance.

The decision, if confirmed, would allow the council to administer the Local Authority Additional Restrictions Grant Omicron Top-up funding received in January 2022. The aim of the scheme is to support Local Authorities to provide additional support for businesses severely impacted by the Omicron variant. Local Authorities are encouraged to distribute funding to businesses who require support by 31 March 2022, at which point, Government will recover any remaining funding. It was not placed on the Cabinet work programme details of the scheme were only published on 30 December 2021, with confirmation that the Council would be receiving top-up funding and appropriate guidance issued by BEIS on 12 January and subsequently updated on 18 January. Also, this decision is urgent and cannot be deferred as we need to allow for a sufficient timeframe to enable successful defrayal of funds meeting the Government's conditions for the scheme or risk losing available business support funds.

The council is required to seek the agreement of its Scrutiny Committee chairman before the relevant Cabinet member can make this decision.

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