

North East Derbyshire District Council

Council

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Decisions made under Emergency Delegated Powers

Report of the Head of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To inform the Council of decisions that have been made under the Delegated Power to act in an emergency

RECOMMENDATIONS

1 That Council note the decisions made under emergency delegated powers

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies</p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Click here to enter text.</p> <p>Details: Click here to enter text.</p>

Links to Council Ambition (BDC)/Council Plan (NED) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.
None directly

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

- 1.1 The Council's Delegation Scheme grants the following power to the Head of Corporate Resources & Head of Paid Services:

To take such action as he/she considers appropriate in an emergency following consultation with the Leader and/or Deputy Leader as he/she considers the circumstances will allow and, where applicable, inform the relevant Portfolio Holder. Any decisions taken under this paragraph shall be reported by the Director of Corporate Resources to the next meeting of Council explaining the reasons for the decision.

- 1.2 Section 47 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1988 provides local authorities to use their discretionary powers to provide grant relief. Therefore in order to deliver business restart grants provided by the Government a local scheme is required. The scheme directly reflects the government guidance issued in relation to restart grants. The delegated power was utilised to ensure that grants could be distributed to businesses in the district as quickly as possible to allow them to open safely in line with government guidelines. This was recorded in delegated decision DD-024-21-JD, a copy of which can be found at **Appendix 1**
- 1.3 An amendment to the policy for business rates retail discounts was also required to be able to apply the discounts to the 2021/22 bills. The delegated power was utilised to ensure that business rates bills for 2021/22 were issued in a timely manner with the discount included. This was recorded in delegated decision DD-025-21-JD, a copy of which can be found at **Appendix 2.**

2 Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 This report is for information

3. Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 3.1 There are no alternative options as the report is for the Committee's information only.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Emergency Delegated Decision – Scheme for Business Restart grants in response to Coronavirus Government Guidance
2.	Emergency Delegated Decision – Amendment to Business Rates Discount scheme in response to Coronavirus Government Guidance
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	