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AGENDA

1) *COVID19 Grant Acceptance*

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Burnley Borough Council

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Key Decisions

Notice to Scrutiny Committee Chair under Regulation 10 (1) (a)

Under these Regulations the Council is required to give 28 days notice if it intends to hold a meeting of the Executive in private or partly in private. This is done on occasions where there is a report which contains confidential information. If the Council is not able to give the required notice it must obtain the agreement of the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred, and publish a copy of that notice.

The Council is also required to give 28 days' notice if it intends to make a key decision, and is required to give at least 5 days notice if it intends to make an urgent key decision.

If the Council is not able to give the required notice it must obtain the agreement of the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee or other relevant person for the decision to be made as a case of special urgency, and then give notice of the reasons why the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Set out below is a notice given in line with these requirements – the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred for the reason stated.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has given agreement to this on 9th October 2020. The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee has also agreed on 9th October 2020 to waive call-in due to the urgency of the decision. Please note that the Chief Executive intends to consider the following key decision report by the 13th October 2020.

It has not been possible to give the required 28 days' notice for the reason set out below:

Key Decision	Reason why 28 day notice could not be given/was impracticable
To seek Executive approval for the council to enter into an agreement with Lancashire County Council to receive a grant that will fund the local response to the COVID outbreak.	The reason for urgency is to approve and implement with immediate effect due to anticipated Government announcement in relation to local restrictions.

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COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE- GRANT AGREEMENT

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE



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PURPOSE

1. To seek Executive approval for the council to enter into an agreement with Lancashire County Council to receive a grant that will fund the local response to the COVID outbreak.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to enter into an agreement with Lancashire County Council to receive a grant for the delivery of:
 - a. Local Test and Trace
 - b. Emergency assistance to residents
3. That the Head of Policy and Engagement prepares a broader community recovery plan for implementation once the borough is out of the response phase.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

4. The grant will be use by Burnley Council to address need exacerbated by or as a consequence of COVID-19 outbreak.
5. With the borough and the country still focussed on the containment of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Executive is recommended to consider a plan for the recovery phase at a later meeting.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Test and Trace

6. The grant contributes to the day to day health protection capacity in the council including the management of the outbreak. The resource will supplement the enforcement and infectious disease control responsibilities, providing both a preventive and responsive approach, working with partners to help reduce the spread of infection through education, advice and persuasion.

Emergency Assistance

7. The Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies is a one-off contribution to upper tier local authorities in England to use to support people who are struggling to afford food and other essentials due to COVID-19. The allocation is passported to individual district councils, based on population weighted by a proxy measure of need, the Index of Multiple Deprivation, and will enable linkage to existing support mechanisms in place through Burnley Together and wider networks.
8. The intended focus of the fund is the direct provision of food and other essential supplies. It is at the discretion of local authorities to use the fund to meet the greatest needed.
9. A partnership with Burnley Pendle and Rossendale CVS is being established to deliver the grant scheme. The funding must be spent within the financial year 2020/21.

Covid Community Recovery Plan

10. With infections rates in the borough amongst the highest in the country, the council's immediate challenge is to work with partners to contain the virus and to help mitigate the economic impact of local restrictions on individuals and communities.
11. Members of the Executive have however drafted an outline plan for the recovery phase which will be incorporated into a fully-fledged community recovery plan.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

12. The grant to be received by the council is for £ £288,173.
13. This is made up of £138,370 for test and trace, and £149,803 for emergency assistance.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

14. Responding to the COVID-19 outbreak remains a priority. This means officer time is being redirected from some business as usual activities, particularly in the Management Team, Streetscene, Environmental Health and Policy and Engagement.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

15. Not applicable.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

16. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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