

URGENT EXECUTIVE DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CYBER RESILIENCE GRANT FUNDING



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PURPOSE

1. To seek approval for using the Chief Executive urgency powers under Part 3 of the Constitution (Executive Functions) to receive up to £200,000 in external funding to improve council cyber resilience.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that the Chief Executive in exercise of his urgency powers under Part 3 of the Constitution (Executive Functions) authorises the Head of Policy and Engagement to accept up to £200,000 in external funding to improve council cyber resilience.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To implement a programme of activity that will further reduce the risks associated from a cyber-attack and improve cyber resilience. The funding is immediately available to the council for this further work and will be made available by the end of the week. There is insufficient time to call a meeting of the Executive within the timeframe for the receipt of the grant funding.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. The programme will develop a cyber treatment plan to address cyber remediation actions, including best practices in patching for vulnerabilities, infrastructure configuration, and back-ups to ensure faster return to business as usual in the event of an attack.
5. An urgent decision is being requested because the funding is being made available to the council immediately for the delivery of a Cyber Treatment Plan (£100,000) and a further £100,000 for backup remediation tasks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION
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6. The cost of the programme will be met from external funding of up to £200,000 made available from the MHCLGC's Local Cyber Unit.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7. This supports the council's strategic objectives outlined in organisational development strategy and strategic risk register.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

8. Executive Member for Resources and Performance Management, Leader, Chair of Scrutiny Committee, Chief Operating Officer and the Head of Finance and Property.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

9. None.

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