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Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION OF INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Name of Cabinet Member:

Relevant Portfolio:

Date of Decision:

Subject:

Key Decision In Forward Plan

Brief summary of matter:

Proposals for how the council will use £1.66m funding from Government for the Discretionary Grant Scheme (DGS). The scheme is aimed at those businesses that didn't qualify for the previous round of business grants, that have been affected by Covid-19.

The proposals allow for an element of local discretion in the allocation of Government funding, which is directed towards sectors which are recognised as important in corporate priorities.

Decision made:

The Leader agreed:

1. To adopt the criteria and eligibility requirements for the Thanet COVID Discretionary Grant Scheme (DGS) as set out in this report;
2. To approve the allocation methodology for the award of the Thanet COVID Discretionary Grant Scheme (DGS);
3. Authority be delegated to the Head of Financial Services to authorise grant payments that meet the approved criteria;
4. Authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive to hear and determine appeals from unsuccessful applicants, in line with the approved criteria.

Reasons for decision:

To agree a criteria, methodology and governance arrangements for the allocation of the DGS.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Not applicable.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

None

Author of Officer report:

Chris Blundell, Head of Financial & Procurement Services and Deputy s151 Officer

Background papers

Cabinet Report Discretionary Grants
Council Chair consent email
OSP Chair's Consent to Publish Urgent Key Decision

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

The decision is urgent because it is vitally important that the Council is able to go-live with this scheme without delay, in order to get financial support to local eligible businesses in a prompt manner. This decision is therefore exempt from call-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel, under the Part 4 (Rules of Procedure) of TDC Constitution, in particular the Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15.0 (p) and (q). The Council Chairman's consent email is attached to this decision notice.

The decision is key. However it is not in the Forward Plan. The Overview & Scrutiny Chairman has given consent to the decision being made and published under Part 4 of the TDC Constitution (Rules of Procedure), particularly under Access to Information Procedure Rule 19.0; (19.1 (a) (Special Urgency) as detailed in the consent email attached to this notice.

Last date for call-in:

N/A