

**Cabinet Member Decision Notice - Public**

**Part A** – to be provisionally completed prior to the meeting and finalised after the meeting following agreement with the decision maker.

1. **Decision Maker:** Cabinet Member for Resources, Enterprise and Economic Development - Councillor Graham Swift
2. **Date of the Decision:** 3 March 2021
3. **Subject (title and description):** Further Use of Covid-19 Hardship funding 2020/21
4. **Did the decision maker declare an interest?** No
5. **Lead Officer:** Julie Gillett - Revenues, Welfare and Customer Services Manager
6. **Was all or any part of the report exempt?** No

**If yes, is there an Exempt Decision Notice?** N/A

7. **The Decision:**

Councillor Swift confirmed he had seen the report prior to the meeting and his decision was to agree the recommendations outlined in the report

  - The Cabinet Member notes the current Hardship spend and funding position.
  - The Cabinet Member approves a small balance of the Hardship funding is carried forward into 2021/22 to cover adjustments to the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) hardship payment awards in line with MHCLG guidance.
  - The Cabinet Member approves the use of the Hardship funding to provide council tax support to clear current year arrears to vulnerable customers who have received Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) this year and have council tax arrears for 2020/21.
8. **Reasons for the Decision:**

The decisions will allow the Council to use the Hardship funding in line with Government guidance and to provide continued financial support to economically vulnerable residents.
9. **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:**

Not to proceed with the recommendations in the report would mean the opportunity to provide financial support from Central Government funding to those residents in our district who are economically vulnerable residents would be missed. This was not recommended.

10. **Is this a Key Decision:** No

**If yes, please state Forward Plan reference number:** N/A

**Part B** – Key Decisions Only – *to be completed by Democratic Services*

11. **Is the decision subject to call in:** N/A

12. **End of the Call-In Period:** N/A