

Reference Number: 2020/CEO Emergency Powers/19

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DECISION RECORD**

**Re: Grants for Businesses Update**

This record is produced in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

**This form should be used to record:**

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)**
- **A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
  - (i) under a specific express authorisation; or**
  - (ii) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
    - **grant a permission or licence;**
    - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
    - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.**

*(One form per decision)*

**The following decision has been taken: -**

After consideration of a written report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and after consultation with Executive Members, the Chief Executive Officer, under his emergency delegated powers agreed that power be delegated to the Corporate Director Strategic Resources [or in his absence the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)] in consultation with the Supply Chain Resilience Board to determine any decisions regarding supplier relief and to make any consequential decisions to enact that relief (in consultation with the relevant Executive Members) as determined by the Corporate Director Strategic Resources (or Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) in the CDSR's absence)..

**By whom:** Richard Flinton, Chief Executive Officer, under his emergency delegated powers and in consultation with Executive Members.

**On:** 21 April 2020

*Was this an executive decision?*

YES/NO

*If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?*

YES/NO

**Please note that call-in has been exempted from this decision by the Chairman of the County Council under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(h).**

**Reasons for decision: -**

To implement a process for considering supplier relief due to COVID-19 in accordance with the Procurement Policy Note 02/20.

There is a significant impact on businesses arising out of the pandemic which is likely to result in a number of the County Council's suppliers struggling to meet their contractual obligations and potentially their financial viability, with their ability to retain staff and their supply chains being at risk.

The Government guidance details how Councils might assist their suppliers and the proposed safeguards that would prevent system abuse which included sample checking and audits to ensure the Council was protected. The suggested process is thought to be a fair and flexible way of dealing with the Council's suppliers during the difficult COVID-19 period.

**Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -**

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**Conflicts of Interest**

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?
County Councillor Andrew Lee declared an interest in this matter as the owner of a retail business.	

**Background Papers**

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed  
RICHARD FLINTON, Chief Executive Officer

Publication Date: 24 April 2020

Directorate – Central Services

***Note 1 regarding Executive decisions only:  
This decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 clear working days after publication, unless any 6 members of the Council object to it and call it in by notice in writing (including e-mail) to The***

***Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).***

***Note 2: non-executive and non-key executive decisions by Officers are not subject to call in.***

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To: The PA to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) - for onward circulation to:

All Members of the Council; All Management Board; All Management Board Secretaries; All Senior Managers; All Democratic Services Officers; All Corporate Development Officers; Senior Press Officer; Communications Officer