

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DECISION RECORD**

**Re: acceptance of DEFRA grant award for food and essential supplies' schemes**

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: -**

That the Corporate Director Strategic Services be authorised to accept the grant award of £531,942.67 from DEFRA for food and essential supplies' schemes in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**By whom: Richard Flinton, Chief Executive Officer**, under his emergency delegated powers, in consultation with the Executive Member for Stronger Communities, the Corporate Director Strategic Resources and the Assistant Director for Policy, Partnerships and Communities.

**On:** 28 July 2020

*Was this an executive decision?*

YES/NO

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

YES/NO

***Please note that this decision was treated under the Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 Special Urgency procedure and that call-in has been exempted from this decision by the Chairman of the County Council under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(h), via the blanket exemptions' notice dated 27 April 2020.***

**Reasons for decision: -**

Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee.

The Chairmen of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Chairman of the Council have given their respective consents to emergency decisions by the Chief Executive Officer in response to the Covid-19 pandemic being treated under the Special Urgency Procedure and being exempt from call in where timescales do not permit observance of the usual access to information timescales. Such consents were published in the blanket exemptions' notice dated 27 April 2020.

This matter was treated under that blanket consent notice as it was an unexpected grant from DEFRA which had to be accepted within 5 days of receipt of notification.

Acceptance and allocation of the grant will allow the Council to respond promptly to local needs and to assist in the urgent delivery of services to the public arising from the ongoing impact of the Covid19 pandemic.

**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?

**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: 10 August 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