

DECISIONS DELEGATED TO CABINET MEMBERS

Decision title:	Approval of Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) Scheme
Decision date:	21 April 2022
Source of delegation:	Part 4.6 of the Constitution: the Leader may delegate executive responsibilities to a single Cabinet Member with or without consultation with officers or other Cabinet Members. The Leader agreed on 4 April 2022 to delegate the decision to the Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services.
What decision was made?	To approve the Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) Scheme and delegate to the Head of Financial Services the authority to (i) determine applications in accordance with the scheme; and (ii) in consultation with the Cabinet Member determine the final model to be used from those shown in Table 1 of the report once all applications have been received.
Purpose:	The decision enables the Council to use its discretionary relief powers (under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 as amended) to grant the discretionary discounts, originally announced in the 3 March 2021 budget but not implemented until 15 December 2021, within the relevant eligibility criteria set out by Central Government.
Reasons:	<p>To enable use of the Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund to support those businesses affected by the pandemic which are ineligible for existing support linked to business rates.</p> <p>The £1.5 billion funding pot has been allocated to local authorities based upon the estimated rateable value in each local authority rating list which falls within the scope of the fund, weighted for the Gross Value Added (GVA) impacts of COVID-19 per sector.</p>
Decision made by:	Councillor Mike Rowley, Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services
Other options considered:	Not approving the scheme would result in additional financial support being unavailable for local businesses.
Documents considered:	Report of the Head of Financial Services dated 5 April 2022.

Key or Not Key:	Key
Wards significantly affected:	None
Declared conflict of interest:	None
This form was completed by: Name & title: Date:	Emma Lund Committee and Member Services Officer 21 April 2022

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision maker	Councillor Mike Rowley, Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services	21 April 2022