



PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 46/21-22

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22

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This document lists the Decisions that have been taken by the Council, which require publication in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000. The list covers Key, Non-Key, Council and Urgent Decisions. The list specifies those decisions, which are eligible for call-in and the date by which they must be called-in.

A valid request for call-in is one which is submitted (on the form provided) to the Governance and Scrutiny Team in writing within 5 working days of the date of publication of the decision by at least 7 Members of the Council.

Additional copies of the call-in request form are available from the Governance and Scrutiny Team.

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision, please refer to:

– Claire Johnson (ext.1154)

Phone 020 8132 then extension number indicated

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List Ref	Decision Made by	Date Decision came/ comes into effect	Part 1 or 2	Subject/Title of Report	Category of Decision	Affected Wards	Eligible for Call-In & Date Decision must be called in by (If Applicable)	Page No.
1/46/21-22	Executive Director Resources (Fay Hammond)	Wednesday 26 January 2022	Part 1	Issuing financial support through Government Grants/relief to Businesses as a result of the pandemic	Key Decision KD:5429/U237	All	No (Rule 16 Urgent Decision)	3-4
DECISIONS								
For additional copies or further details please contact Claire Johnson (020 8132 1154), Governance and Scrutiny Team.								

LIST REFERENCE: 1/46/21-22

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
ISSUING FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH GOVERNMENT GRANTS/RELIEF TO BUSINESSES AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All	Executive Director of Resources	26 January 2022	None	KD5429/U237	Sam Buckley Interim Head of Grants Sam.Buckley@enfield.gov.uk 07984512947	No (Rule 16)
DECISION							
<p>AGREED to provide financial relief to business in Enfield through direct grants and relief schemes and these need to be administered as soon as possible to assist business suffering from the impact of the pandemic.</p>							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
<p>None. It was not possible to give the required 28-day notice and include the decision on the Council's Key Decision List because of the timeframes required to administer grants and reliefs to Enfield Business, this is a time pressure and we need to make commence these payments as soon as possible. The delay in failure to make these payments will mean that the business's in Enfield will not receive the financial support they desperately require and we will not be able to grant relief and grants by the deadline and as such would lose the funding and vital support for businesses.</p>							
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS							
<p>Central Government announced a support package for businesses shortly before Christmas, Government guidance continues to be released this week on the schemes. There is a requirement for Enfield through 3 different grant/relief schemes to administer financial support totalling 8.8 million pounds to businesses as a matter of urgency. The grants consist of 3 schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant • COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) • Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) 							

The purpose of these schemes to provide support to businesses impacted by the pandemic and by the new Omicron variant. We have been asked to expedite payments as businesses are struggling to survive. We are required to have an application window open imminently and we have a deadline to receive applications and processing all payments by the 31st March 2022. Each scheme has a different target audience and the Omicron and ARG will see direct grant payments being issued and the CARF will see relief being paid to business rates for specific businesses. All applications will need up front fraud and bank checks and to be able to issue payments in time we are required to go live next week commencing the 24th January. We are being contacted widely by the business community who are in need of this financial support as a matter of urgency.

Failure to make these payments will mean that the business's in Enfield will not receive the financial support they desperately require.

BACKGROUND

Previous DAR for earlier phase of ARG – KD5382

SECTION 2: Notice of forthcoming Key Decisions for which it has not been possible to provide notice

This section lists the Key Decisions that are proposed to be taken by the Council, which require publication in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000. The decisions listed are those for which it has not been possible to provide 28 days' notice and need to comply with the Council's urgency procedure. There are two routes that can be followed in this instance to enable a decision to be taken.

1. Rule 15 – General Exceptions

This procedure is used in cases when:

- it is not possible to provide the required 28 days' notice of a key decision; but
- it is possible to provide a minimum of 5 working days' notice prior to the decision being taken;

2. Rule 16 – Special Urgency

This procedure should only be used in exceptional circumstances where it is not possible to:

- provide the required 28 days' notice prior of a key decision; and
- provide a minimum of 5 working days' notice prior to the decision needing to be taken;

These decisions will not be eligible for call-in.

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DETAILS OF RULE 16 DECISION

Part 1/2* and reason	Date Decision Planned	Decision of	Proposed Key Decision	Ward/s affected by the decision	Contact Name and Number
Part 1	26 January 2022	Executive Director of Resources	Issuing financial support through Government Grants/relief to Businesses as a result of the pandemic	All	Sam Buckley 07984512947

Reasons for Urgency:

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Background Papers:

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name and Telephone No. of Document Holder	Location/e-mail address
	Previous DAR for earlier phase of ARG – KD5382	Sam Buckley	Sam.Buckley@enfield.gov.uk