



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE DEPUTY LEADER

TOPIC – EXTENSION OF DELEGATIONS FOR FLOOD SUPPORT SCHEMES

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

Cabinet Procedure Rule 1.2 provides that the requirements for a draft portfolio holder decision notice do not apply to appointments or delegations by the Leader under this Rule. Following the Leader's retirement at the recent election, the Deputy Leader exercises the functions of the Leader until a new Leader is appointed at the Annual Council Meeting on 4 June 2014.

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SUMMARY

- In March 2014, Cabinet approved a Report setting out arrangements for providing financial support to flooded homes and businesses across the Winchester District following the exceptional weather during the preceding winter ([CAB2571](#) - Flood Support Schemes - refers). Officers have been working with Members and Parish Councils to promote these schemes and to provide advice to potential applicants.
- Section 2.1.2c of that Report outlined the Government' Business Support Grant, which is intended to pay exceptional costs arising from the flooding and to help with recovery costs such as marketing, equipment etc.
- The report provided for a number of delegations to ensure that applications to the various schemes could be processed without delay. The necessary delegation for the Business Support Grant scheme was omitted from the recommendations.
- Members are asked to approve the necessary delegation to enable immediate payment of the first grants.

DECISION

- a) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Economy and Communities) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development to determine emergency grants to small and medium sized businesses affected by the flooding, up to a maximum value of £5,000.
- b) That applications for funding above this level be determined by the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development through a Portfolio Holder Decision Notice.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

To ensure that grants to businesses affected by the flooding can be awarded without further delay.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Staff time only: the Council has been awarded funds to pay for these grants.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION

None.

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

n/a

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

None.

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

None.

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision: 29.05.14

Councillor Rob Humby – Deputy Leader