

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Friday, 20 November 2020	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	M/20.11.20/F&I	Executive Member for Finance and Investment (Councillor T. Ross)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Trafford Discretionary (Additional Restrictions) Grant Fund

1. That the Trafford Discretionary (Additional Restrictions) Grant Fund and proposed criteria for its operation as detailed in the report be approved.
2. That it be agreed to classify this decision as urgent and exempt from call-in to enable the Council implement emergency measures during the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis.
3. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Investment and the Corporate Director of Finance and Systems, to make amendments to the Trafford Discretionary (Additional Restrictions) Fund criteria as necessary.
4. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance and Systems, to administer the grants.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable the Council to provide effective support to Trafford based small businesses that are adversely affected by the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and are ineligible for support under existing grant schemes.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not to operate the grant scheme; but this would not address businesses suffering hardship and the money received for this scheme needs to be utilised or returned to Government. The Council could operate a scheme with broader eligibility criteria but it is important to ensure that the Fund operates within the funding limit available.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

CALL-IN DEADLINE DATE

Not applicable. For the reasons set out in the report, this decision has been deemed to be urgent, and thus not subject to call-in.

PUBLICATION DATE

Monday, 30 November 2020

RECORDED BY:

Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy

