

Council – 28 July 2020

URGENT DECISIONS

Reference No.	Details of Decision	Decision Taker	Date of Decision	Reason for Urgency	Agreed by
CEX/14	<p>INTERIM COUNCIL TAX DISCRETIONARY RELIEF POLICY AND TEMPORARY COUNCIL TAX: COVID-19 HARDSHIP FUND 2020/21</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>RESOLVED – That</p> <p>(1) the Chief Executive be recommended to approve the draft interim policy attached at Appendix 1 to the report as an Emergency Non-Executive Decision;</p> <p>(2) officers be authorised to commence consultation on the Interim Policy under the Councils’ Budget and Policy framework for approval by Council on 30 June 2020;</p> <p>(3) the Councils Section 151 Officer be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, to immediately process claims under the Interim Policy;</p> <p>(4) the Council’s Section 151 Officer be requested to explore the opportunity to consider a further welfare scheme in the event that there are monies available from the temporary Covid-19 funding available; and</p> <p>(5) Appendix 2 to the report, which was introduced as a temporary scheme with the Government’s funding relating to the impact of Covid-19, be endorsed.</p>	Cabinet	20/05/20	<p>Due to the matter having just arisen, it had not been possible for the proposal to be included in a Forward Plan at least 28 clear days before the decision was to be made. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been informed that the taking of the decision was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred because of the need for a policy to follow the latest Government advice and some specific requests from residents as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which required addressing.</p>	<p>In accordance with paragraph 16(j) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in the Constitution, the Chairman of the Council had been consulted and had agreed that the decision proposed was reasonable in all the circumstances and for it to be treated as a matter of urgency and that the call-in process should be waived.</p>