

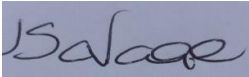


OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS FORM

State the Delegated Authority that you are relying on in order to make this decision: e.g. specific (identified in constitution) or general
<p>Following approval at the Individual Executive Meeting on the 13 January 2022 delegated authority to approve modifications to the Covid 19 Additional Relief Fund policy was given to the Section 151 Officer.</p> <p>Following which, on 1 August 2022, delegation was extended to provide for the Head of Resident and Business Support to make any modifications or changes previously delegated to the S151 Officer.</p>
Subject of decision: <i>Covid 19 Additional Relief Fund.</i>
<p>On 25 March 2021 the Government announced a new COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) of £1.5billion to support business ratepayers adversely affected by the pandemic. Due to legislative delays Local Authorities were only notified on 15 December 2021. Middlesbrough's confirmed allocation is £2,753,444.</p> <p>Whilst the majority of the allocation has been spent, the policy specifically permits further relief to be awarded at the discretion of the Section 151 Officer and as such a further amendment to the scheme will be made.</p>
Text of decision: e.g. can include monies received by the Council, list any terms agreed, brief summary of the policy – Do not include any confidential information.
<p>Ratepayers previously awarded fund relief will have a further top up award made reducing 2021-22 rates liability, pro-rata to the sum remaining available for disbursement.</p> <p>In line with existing policy, accounts where the additional relief to be awarded would be £10.00 or less will be excluded from eligibility to a top up award.</p> <p>All remaining funds will be allocated by 30 September 2022.</p>
Reason for Decision
<p>Funds have been provided by Central Government. Where funds remain unallocated, in line with the CARF policy an amendment to the scheme can be made to ensure all funds are allocated, benefiting Middlesbrough ratepayers to the maximum afforded.</p>
Other options considered (if any)
<p>NA</p>
Has an Impact Assessment been completed Yes/No – if yes please attach to the decision.
<p>No</p>

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Declarations of Interest by any member or relevant local government body
N/A
Who have you consulted as part of the decision making process e.g. Head of Service, Executive Member, Community Association, Surveyor?
N/A
Date of decision
23 September 2022
Service area
Finance Directorate.
Name of Delegated Officer making decision - i.e. Officer who is designated the power in the Constitution
Janette Savage, Head of Resident and Business Support.
Name of the Officer making the decision – if power has been sub-delegated to another Officer.
NA.
List of background papers (do not list if contain exempt/confidential information)
<div> Exec 20220113.pdf</div> <div> Appendix 1- Middlesbrough NDR</div>
Signed: Janette Savage  Dated: 23 September 2022.