

Notice under Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice is hereby given that the Chairman of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People has agreed that the following Key Decision, which will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change on 10 May 2023 is urgent and cannot reasonable be deferred:

Title of Report: Household Support Fund Grant Extension - 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024
Approval of outline spending plans for the Household Support Grant Extension

Reasons why the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred:

The Council is unable to publish details of the key decision 28 clear days in advance because draft notification of Derbyshire's allocation of the funds and clarifying guidance relating to the HSF grant extension was received from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in early March 2023. The Council is required to provide an indicative delivery plan to the DWP by 17 May 2023 indicating how it will distribute the grant. Therefore, it has not been possible for the normal decision-making protocols via Cabinet to take place and an Urgent Decision is requested to be made by the Leader of the Council to: a) Enable the authority to distribute the grant to households within the grant period, b) Avoid an underspend and alleviate hardship for households. It is important that the distribution plans covered in this report commence as soon as possible and seeking a decision via Cabinet would delay this for a number of weeks and would put households in Derbyshire at a disadvantage.

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