

Agreement of the Chair of the I&S Committee for the decision to be made without giving 28 days' notice

Email from Councillor Kemp on 18 October confirming approval of request

Thank you for this urgent decision request, which I approve as chair of the I&S People committee. As being necessary for the public good.

Tony Kemp (Elected Members)

NB: I authorise the use of my electronic signature to endorse any paper copy of the decision.

Email to Councillor Kemp on 17 October requesting approval of request For urgent decision

Dear Improvement and Scrutiny Chair,

Democratic Services have received the below request for an urgent decision to be made:

Report Title: Household Support Fund Grant Extension– 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023

Summary of key decision to be made: The Leader of the Council is asked to:
a) Approve the outline spending plans for Derbyshire County Council's allocation of the Household Support Fund Grant Extension of £5.400m. b) Agree to the continuation of the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive Director of Children's Services to allow the Council to respond flexibly and effectively to any challenges, risks and opportunities that occur during the grant period and maintain our ability to swiftly distribute funds to vulnerable residents.

Decision Maker: Leader of Council

Why is the decision urgent? 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) on 26 August 2022, with final notification being received on 30 September 2022. The Council is required to provide an indicative delivery plan to the DWP by Friday 28 October 2022 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.

Waiver of call-in requested: No

Lead Officer: Ellie Houlston