

EDR Nu	Decision Taken By	Decision	Reason	Key Decision	Confidential	Date of Decision
465.22	Cabinet Member - Community and Housing	To approve the recommendation shown in paragraph B2 for the Council's Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund Discretionary Non-Domestic Rate Relief scheme (CARF) by: Enabling a business to submit an single declaration that may be applied to a number of properties occupied by the same business; The acceptance of declarations from employees of the business (e.g. financial controller/manager, property manager and akin); Approve delegated powers to the Council's s151 officer to determine the maximum amount of relief up to 100%. Other than these recommendation, no other changes are made to the CARF scheme as detailed in the approved EDRs of 22 August 2022 and amendments of 20 September 2022.	This amendment to the existing policy will ensure that the CARF funding will be available to a wider base of local businesses. Initially businesses that occupied 419 properties with an aggregate rateable of up to £500,000 were invited to submit declarations for CARF relief, presently assessed at 40%. Mailshots were issued to these businesses on 5 and 12 September and 146 declaration had been submitted by mid-day on 14 September. Initial reviews of submissions concluded that a very high number of the applications submitted were rejected, primarily because they were excluded due to the VOA property SCAT codes. A review of the SCAT codes was undertaken with a view to increasing the number of businesses that may be eligible to CARF by not excluding certain SCAT codes from the Council's CARF scheme. As a result of this review, occupants of properties with the permitted SCAT codes would then potentially qualify for CARF (subject to all other qualifying criteria being met). In relation to all other SCAT codes, those properties remain excluded from the CARF scheme. This increased the potential number of properties that may be eligible to 603 and enables many businesses that would otherwise have been excluded to now be considered for relief. At the time these changes were adopted (ERD463.22), another mailshot was issued to the newly identified potential qualifiers plus those that had not submitted declarations. A further cold calling exercise was also undertaken and a further 66 declarations were submitted as at 09:00 on 24 September. Recommendations An analysis of the submitted declarations has been conducted (detailed under Financial Implication – Revenues) consequently the following recommendations are made1. Enable a business to submit	No	No	26/09/2022

473.22	Cabinet Member - Community and Housing	<p>To identify and establish a number of 'Local Warmer Public Community Spaces' in community based locations across the Borough. The Council is seeking to support venues such as community centres and other community hubs across the Borough. In order to facilitate this support, a grant fund of £30,000 will be established initially. Support to organisations operating a 'warmer space' will be capped at £1,000 per organisation, with an initial sum of £500 paid 'up front' to the operators, so that the council can understand the impact and pattern of utility usage. This will allow us to target the remaining £500 commitment where it is most needed. The period that the grant for the 'Warmer Space' is expected to cover is the period between November 2022 and March 31st 2023*. The grant is expected to cover any additional heating costs and the provision of tea/coffee i.e. warm drinks provision. N.b. It is anticipated that the building will already be open and the grant will help the facility to cover any additional heating costs as well as the provision of hot drinks. *This period will be subject to review.</p>	<p>The Council will be offering support to residents who are experiencing hardship with cost of living and utility bills. Unprecedented pressures on people this winter despite the support given by Government, people will be forced to make tough decisions. The Council can play a part in supporting residents facing these difficulties by identifying and supporting 'Local Warmer Public Community Spaces' around the Borough.</p>	No	No	26/10/2022
478.22	Cabinet Member - Environment and Climate Change	<p>To approve East Staffordshire Borough Council's Climate Change Strategy.</p>	<p>The Climate Change and Nature Strategy is action number 1.1 in the Climate Change Action Plan and requires completion.</p>	No	No	26/10/2022

479.22	Cabinet Member - Community and Housing	To make Public Space Protection Orders for the control of dogs and the control of alcohol in public places. (The amendments are shown in the attached appendix).	<p>The Councils current Public Space Protection Orders commenced in October 2019 and are required to be reviewed every 3 years therefore the council commenced a review of the current Orders in January 2022. A comprehensive consultation exercise was undertaken regarding existing public space protection orders. Some additional and extensions for the control of dogs and the consumption of alcohol and other orders were included. Under Section 59 of the Act, the council can make a Public Space Protection Order if it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met. The two conditions are as follows: (a) activities carried on in a public place within the authorities area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or (b) it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect. The second condition is that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities: (a) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature , (b) is, or likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and (c) Justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice. The prohibitions and requirements to be imposed by the Public Space Protection Order are reasonable to include in the Order – (a) to prevent the detrimental effect referred to in subsection (2) from continuing , occurring or recurrence, or (b) to reduce that detrimental effect or to reduce the risk of its continuance, occurrence or recurrence.</p>	No	No	26/10/2022
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