

EDR Nu	Decision Taken By	Decision	Reason	Key Decision	Confidential	Date of Decision
267.21	Deputy Leader (Community and Regulatory Services)	To waive car parking charges on Trinity Road car park, Uttoxeter on Saturday 30th January 2021.	By waiving parking charges on Trinity Road car park on the above Saturday would assist in the smooth flow of cars for the high volume of patients expected to visit the Balance Street surgery for the implementation of Covid-19 vaccines.	No	No	28/01/2021
269.21	Deputy Leader (Community and Regulatory Services)	To periodically suspend parking charges at three ESBC car parks (Uttoxeter Leisure Centre, Meadowside Leisure Centre and Trinity Road; Uttoxeter) to allow for testing of the COVID-19 virus until March 31st 2021. The first tests are to commence at Uttoxeter Leisure Centre on Wednesday (3rd Feb) and Friday (5th Feb) (9am-1pm). The decision to suspend parking charges on the named car parks, in support of testing and vaccinations will be made by the Deputy Leader as and when requested by the relevant Public Health Authorities.	The car parks and neighbouring facilities have been identified as potential suitable locations for the testing of individuals for the COVID-19 virus due to their location and space.	No	No	02/02/2021
272.21	Leader of the Council	To approve the recommendations shown in paragraph B2, and following a review of the applications received from phase 1 applications of the Council's Additional Restrictions Grant scheme.	The Government announced the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) scheme on 31 October 2020 to enable Local Authorities to provide support to businesses severely impacted by the national and local pandemic restrictions. The Government announced the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) (LRSG (O)) scheme on 22 October 2020 intending to support businesses that are open but severely impacted by the restrictions under Tier 2 and 3. The Council's ARG scheme As the funding allocated by the Government covers the period from November 2020 to March 2022, the Council implemented the following scheme also incorporating three phases of grant awards to support businesses. Under its scheme the Council decided it will support the following businesses: • Small/micro businesses (as defined in Government guidance) in shared offices/workspaces that don't have their own business rates assessments; • Regular Outdoor Market Traders and Street Traders trading in East Staffordshire who do not have their own business rates assessment; • Self-employed person(s) not eligible for the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme (does not include homeworkers who work for an employer, anyone who is furloughed, or students) • Bed & Breakfast businesses and self-catering holiday lets that pay Council Tax instead of business rates (excluding home-sharing). • Businesses that do have a business rates rateable value but have not been mandated to close by Govt and will therefore be severely impacted by the national restrictions in force. The Council decided that there will be one grant paid for each business that does not have a business rates assessment that submits a successful application. Business that do have a business rates assessment and submit a successful application will be paid one grant per hereditament. Businesses will be required to demonstrate how their business has been severely impacted by the pandemic, and any applications from businesses eligible for any other Local Restrictions Support Grant will be refused. Under phase 1 the Council decided that three levels of grant would be payable to successful applicants: • For businesses without a business rates assessment, and businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or less, £1,334 will be paid. • For businesses with a rateable value of between £15,001 and £50,999, £2,000 will be paid; • For businesses with a rateable value of £51,000 or more £3,000 will be paid; ARG Scheme review Applications were invited between 24 November and 23rd December 2020. 1009 applications have been received, 33 of which were successful. A total of £49,018 grant payments have been paid. As there has	No	No	19/02/2021

275.21	Deputy Leader (Environment and Housing)	To apply to the '2021/22 Rough Sleeping Initiative Fund' for funding to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the Housing First Intervention for a further 12 months until March 2022 • Extend the Navigator Service for a further 12 months until March 2022 • Secure funding for cold weather provision over the winter of 2021/22 • Continue to provide 3 x Emergency Bed Spaces for rough sleepers or people at risk of rough sleeping, at the expense of Derwentio HA's 'Home4Me' service which will need to come to an end. • Request additional flexible funds to secure B&B or other provision as required over and above the emergency bed spaces. If the application is successful in any service element, the entire amount required for that element of the proposal will be awarded. The bid is attached at Appendix 1, and the email inviting applications is at Appendix 2. The MHCLG have confirmed that the funding will not be subject to a 'Memorandum of Understanding' as in previous years, there will only be a standard grant determination (Appendix 3). 	The measures detailed above are currently in operation, and have been shown to be effective with the most recent rough sleeper count producing a result of zero. The package of measures detailed in Appendix 1 has been 'co-produced' with the MHCLG Rough Sleeping Specialist, and therefore has his support both in terms of the panel decision to award the funding but also as the best way of reducing rough sleeping in our area.	No	No	11/03/2021
279.21	Leader of the Council	To approve the recommendations shown in paragraph B2, following a review of the funding spent so far and estimated spend to the end of the financial year, arising from the implementation of the Council's Council Tax Hardship Fund scheme.	The Council Tax Hardship Fund was announced by Central Government in the March 2020 Budget as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Each Local Authority has been allocated a share of the £500m fund to support economically vulnerable people and households in their area. The fund is intended for 2020/2021 only and the Council's allocation is £812,828. This funding is provided under Section 31 of the Local Government Finance Act 2003. Central Government issued guidance in March 2020 stating they expected Councils to provide Council Tax relief alongside existing Council Tax Reduction schemes, using discretionary powers under S13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. In addition, Councils are expected to reduce the annual Council Tax bill for all working age Council Tax Reduction claimants. Claimants are not expected to apply for this reduction. There are two requirements for the scheme: 1) £150 reduction in the annual Council Tax bill for 2020/2021; and 2) Where the net balance in the bill is less than £150, the balance should be reduced to nil. Any unspent funding is for the Council to establish its own approach to using any remaining grant to assist those in need. As at 30/11/2020 only 49.49% of the Council's allocation had been spent. It was agreed to increase the maximum reduction level from £150 to £200 and conduct a review of the scheme in Q4. As at 26/02/2021 69.46% of the fund has been spent. Further calculations have been conducted to find the estimate increase in spend should the maximum level of Hardship Fund payments be increased from £200 to £300. The results of those calculations show a potential increase in spend of approximately £230k- £250k to the end of the financial year, subject to the scale of new claims and spend. Increasing the maximum payment from £150 to £300 it is estimated would utilise the fund (subject to variation in the level of new claims). Subject to the extent of new claimants during the remainder of the year this could potentially leave some of the fund unspent. Any funding left unspent as at 31 March 2021 must be returned to Govt. Capita provides the software to the Council to enable awards to be made and it is proposed that Capita be approached for consultants to make changes to the maximum Hardship Fund award level. Recommendations: 1) That the Hardship Fund payment for Working Age Council Tax Reduction claimants with a net balance for 2020-21 be increased from a maximum of £200 to £300. 2) Where the net balance in the bill is less than £300, the balance should be reduced to nil. 3) That Capita be approached to provide consultancy support to make changes to the maximum Hardship Fund award	No	No	10/03/2021