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280.21	Leader of the Council	To allocate £72,000 of Additional Restrictions Grant funding for business support schemes during 2021/22	<p>Staffordshire County Council have invited the District and Borough Councils across Staffordshire to participate in a collaboration of business support. It is proposed East Staffordshire Borough Council contributes specifically towards two schemes: 'Nil Cost Training Top Up' - £52,000 This would provide a match fund to the existing Skills Hub grant (which pays up to 48% of training costs) in order to enable SMEs to access free training for upskilling. Business Start-up Scheme - £5,000 The Start-up Scheme provides an online platform that acts as a gateway for advice and support to new businesses. The County Council will also be contributing to these schemes alongside a number of other support programmes, which businesses and individuals across the County will be able to access. Complementing the contributions towards these Countywide schemes, it is also proposed ARG funding is used to extend the scope of existing schemes that ESBC is a partner to, which are becoming oversubscribed. These are: Enterprise for Success Programme - £10,000 EfS is a business support programme that ESBC has been a partner to for a number of years and has proven successful in that time. Unfortunately, the current contribution of Officer time means the outputs available during 21/22 will be reduced as a result of oversubscription. Contributing funding will not only increase the capacity of the programme, but also of the Council's Enterprise service as the time match requirement will be reduced. Federation of Small Businesses Membership and Support - £5,000 A contribution of £5,000 between ESBC and SCC has made 27 memberships available through this scheme, however it is already heavily subscribed and has been fully utilised before the start of 21/22. An additional £5,000 would create further capacity to carry this scheme on during 2021. This provides small businesses with subsidised membership of the FSB and access to an extensive programme of support and advice.</p>

317.21	Deputy Leader (Environment and Housing)	To continue to provide the successful Emergency Bed Spaces Project for the period 1 July 2021 until 31 March 2022 following a successful bid for MHCLG funding under the Rough Sleeping Initiative Year 4 (Appendix 1, also see EDR no. 275/21).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project has been successfully revised to fit with parameters of the Rough Sleeping Initiative, as intended under EDR 286/21, and is now part of the regular funding envelope now in its third year. • Following successful implementation of a new funding model the delivery partner, Burton YMCA, has agreed to deliver the project at a reduced cost, utilising underspend from 2020/21 (Appendix 2
319.21	Deputy Leader (Leisure, Amenities and Tourism)	To continue the delegation of the operation of Markets within Uttoxeter to Uttoxeter Town Council for a three year period commencing on 29th November 2021, with an option to continue after this period year on year until terminated by either party. A grant sum of £4,446 will be paid to Uttoxeter Town Council on 9th December each year of the Term. This figure will be inflated by RPI each year in line with the Council's Fees and Charges Policy.	Uttoxeter Town Council have been successfully operating the Uttoxeter Markets for a number of years on behalf of ESBC. All parties are happy to continue with this agreement.

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Deputy Leader (Community and Regulatory Services)	To give permission to publish a revised statement of intent increasing the income levels that are eligible for energy efficiency measures including eligibility for area based schemes.	<p>Following the revision of government guidance for heating and insulation measures the eligibility criteria for energy efficiency measures has been amended for all energy efficiency schemes. There is currently a difference between the eligibility criteria within the published SOI and the criteria set by government guidance. There is now a greater emphasis on green recovery and a need to increase the take up of low carbon technologies which has resulting in an increased income levels that are now eligible for Eco funding as detailed below: Current SOI Proposed SOI Household Composition With no household disability. Diagnosed health condition Permitted Gross Household Income. 1 Adult £15,512 £17,063 £30,000 And 1 Child £20,350 £22,385 £34,838 And 2 Child £25,300 £27,830 £39,788 And 3 Child £30,250 £33,275 £44,738 And 4+ Child £35,200 £38,720 £49,668 2 Adults £23,426 £25,768 £37,914 And 1 Child £28,050 £30,855 £42,538 And 2 Child £33,000 £36,300 £47,488 And 3 Child £37,950 £41,745 £52,438 And 4+Child £42,900 £47,190 £57,388</p> <p>Following the revision of government guidance for heating and insulation measures the eligibility criteria for energy efficiency measures has been amended for all energy efficiency schemes. There is currently a difference between the eligibility criteria within the published SOI and the criteria set by government guidance. There is now a greater emphasis on green recovery and a need to increase the take up of low carbon technologies which has resulting in an increased income levels that are now eligible for Eco funding as detailed below: Current SOI Proposed SOI Household Composition With no household disability. Diagnosed health condition Permitted Gross Household Income. 1 Adult £15,512 £17,063 £30,000 And 1 Child £20,350 £22,385 £34,838 And 2 Child £25,300 £27,830 £39,788 And 3 Child £30,250 £33,275 £44,738 And 4+ Child £35,200 £38,720 £49,668 2 Adults £23,426 £25,768 £37,914 And 1 Child £28,050 £30,855 £42,538 And 2 Child £33,000 £36,300 £47,488 And 3 Child £37,950 £41,745 £52,438 And 4+Child £42,900 £47,190 £57,388</p>
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<p>Deputy Leader (Environment and Housing)</p>	<p>To approve the recommendation in paragraph B2.</p>	<p>The Government (Govt) introduced the Test and Trace Support Payments scheme with effect from 28 September 2020. There are two schemes: the Standard 'Main' Scheme and a Discretionary Scheme. The Government has issued guidance stating the criteria for each scheme, and have allowed LAs to add other criteria to their Discretionary Scheme. Govt has allocated funding to each Local Authority (LA) and the Council's current allocations are shown in paragraph B5. Govt is committed to funding all approved applications. Govt recently extended the scheme which will now close on 30/09/2021 (from 30/06/2021). The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has asked LAs to review the criteria of their Discretionary schemes where less than 60% of the allocated funding has been spent. The Council has spent 46% of its allocated Discretionary funding, so the Council's scheme criteria has been reviewed to see what changes could be made to increase the number of successful applications which will support local residents told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace. The Council's scheme is as follows: a £500 discretionary payment to individuals who: 1. have been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, either because they have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive; 2. are employed or self-employed; and 3. are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result. 4. who are not currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit; and 5. who are on low incomes and will face financial hardship as a result of not being able to work while they are self-isolating. The Council has agreed that under its Discretionary Scheme, people on low incomes are defined as: a)b) Applicants who have capital not exceeding £6,000. People in the same household can each make an individual application to receive the payment, if they each meet the eligibility criteria. Applications from</p>
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327.21	Deputy Leader (Environment and Housing)	To approve the recommendation shown in paragraph B2, and following a review of the applications for the Council's Additional Restrictions Grant scheme received as at July 2021.	<p>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 Council's scheme was initially implemented in November 2020 and since then has undergone reviews in February 2021 and April 2021 with approved changes applied accordingly. The current version of the Council's scheme has three elements, each with differing criteria as shown below: Severe Impact (main element, in place since November 2020) • For businesses with or without a business rates Rateable Value (RV) that are not mandated to close but who remain open and are severely impacted by the Govt restrictions in place. • Applicants must demonstrate a reduction in turnover of at least 20% for the year ending 21 March 2021 when compared to the previous financial year ending 31 March 2020. • Grant payments dependant on RV: o No RV / RV<£15k - £10,000 o RV £15k-£51k - £15,000 o RV >£51k - £20,000 New Businesses (new element brought in June 2021) • For new businesses set up since 01/04/2019 that had a business plan accepted by their bank/financial institution for financial support. • Grant payments dependant on RV: o No RV - £5,000 o RV - £10,000 Supporting Other Businesses (new element with one application window from 1-15 June 2021) • For businesses that can show they were trading on or before 01/04/2021. • The business must not be entitled to a Restart Grant. • The business must not already have received an Additional Restrictions Grant. • One off grant payment - £5,000 Grant payments to date</p> <p>The table shows the number and amount of successful applications for the Councils Scheme. Should the Council have spent all of its allocated funding (3.4m) by 31 July 2021, a further top up funding can be accessed to provide further support to local businesses. As at 08/07/2021 the following grant payments have been made:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Element</th> <th>No of successful applications</th> <th>Payments made</th> <th>Allocated Funding</th> <th>n/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Severe Impact</td> <td>184</td> <td>£1,935,000</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Businesses</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(no £3,458,861)</p>	Element	No of successful applications	Payments made	Allocated Funding	n/a	Severe Impact	184	£1,935,000			New Businesses	0			
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Leader of the Council	Updated appointment of Councillors to Outside Organisations as per the attached schedule: Councillor P Hudson to replace Councillor S P Gaskin on the Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel. This supersedes EDR ref 074/19.	To ensure the Borough Council continues to be represented on outside organisations.
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Key Decision	Confidential	Date of Decision
No	No	21/06/2021

No	No	01/07/2021
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