
Council

6 December, 2022

Name of Cabinet Member:

N/A

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Chief Executive

Ward(s) affected:

City wide

Title:

Exercise of Emergency Functions

Is this a key decision?

N/A

Executive Summary:

This report informs Council of a decision undertaken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution and following consultation with the Leader of the Council, Councillor G Duggins, to exercise emergency functions to accept a grant of £4,958,705.23 from the National Institute for Health and Care Research.

List of Appendices included:

None

Background papers:

A copy of the signed decision has been published on the Council's website at:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD3384&ID=3384&RPID=17188199>

Other useful documents

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 6 December, 2022

Report title: Exercise of Emergency Functions

1. Context (or background)

1.1 Part 2M of the City Council's Constitution provides for the Scheme of Functions delegated to Employees including the Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service.

1.2 Paragraph 3.8(a) of Part 2M of the Constitution enables the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader, to make decisions required in an emergency.

1.3 On 23 August, 2022. the Chief Executive was satisfied that the following decision was required to be taken pursuant to the emergency provision in connection with a grant from the National Institute for Health and Care Research to create a collaborative research ecosystem that is open, creative, dynamic and evidence driven, with an aim to respond to tackling health inequalities through understanding the power of the wider determinants of health:-

- Acceptance of a grant in the sum of £4,958,705.23 from the National Institute for Health and Care Research to use the grant in line with the grant determination issued
- To add the grant of £4,958,705.23 to the Council's Revenue Budget
- To delegate authority to the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing to administer the grant in accordance with the grant determination and enter into the Research Contract and respective collaboration agreements with partner organisations

1.4 As part of the grant conditions, initially, there was an embargo on this information being in the public domain.

1.5 The above decision, including the reasons for the decision taken, has been published on the City Council's website.

1.6 If appropriate, further reports on matters arising from this decision will be considered by the relevant Council body.

2. Options considered

2.1 The Chief Executive agreed that the circumstances constituted an emergency and was satisfied that the decision to be taken pursuant to this emergency provision was critical to the Council's ability to provide cutting edge health research within Coventry.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the exercise of emergency functions was undertaken in consultation with the Leader of the Council, who confirmed his agreement to this course of action.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 In light of the urgent nature of the matter detailed in paragraph 1.3 above, the decisions were implemented immediately.

5. Comments from Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer) and the Chief Legal Officer

Financial implications

Where decisions made involve the receipt of grants and making of expenditure, this has been identified in the decision summary. The City Council maintains detailed records and forecasts of the financial impacts. Alongside regular financial management activity, the financial implications are included within the Council's financial monitoring reports

Legal implications

Part 2M of the City Council's Constitution provides for the Scheme of Functions delegated to Employees, including to the Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service. Paragraph 3.8 of Part 2M enables the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to make decisions in an emergency.

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