

## COUNCIL – 21ST FEBRUARY 2022

### Report of the Chief Executive

#### ITEM 12 URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS EXEMPTED FROM CALL-IN: MEMBER GRANTS SCHEME

##### Purpose of Report

To note decisions which were exempted from call-in in accordance with Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.9.

##### Action Requested

In accordance with Full Council Procedure 9.11(d) questions may be asked of the Leader in relation to the urgent decisions that were taken. The Leader may ask the relevant Lead Member to respond.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The call-in procedure provides for a period of five clear working days during which councillors can ask for decisions taken by the Cabinet and individual Cabinet members, and key decisions taken by officers to be reviewed. With the agreement of the Chair of the Scrutiny Commission or in his/her absence the Mayor or Deputy Mayor) a decision can be exempted from call-in if the decision to be taken is both urgent and reasonable and the delay caused by the call-in process would not be in the interests of the Council or the public. Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.9 requires that decisions that are exempted from call-in are reported to Council.

##### ***(i) Member Grants Scheme***

On 2nd October 2018, Councillor Morgan, as Leader of the Council, took a decision to allocate Executive functions relating to the determination of applications under the Member Grants Scheme where the ward councillor concerned had a conflict of interest to the Cabinet Lead Member for Communities, Safety and Wellbeing. This was later amended on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to reflect changes to the membership of the Cabinet and allocation of responsibilities to members of the Cabinet.

In exercising that Executive function, the Cabinet Lead Member for Community Support and Equalities took a decision to award the following grants: -

- That £250 be awarded to Soar Valley Outreach for its Food Provision and Financial coach 2022 project
- That £500 be awarded to Newtown Linford Cricket Club for its Purchase of Defibrillator Project

The Chair of the Scrutiny Commission has been consulted and agreed that the decisions relating to member grants be exempted from call-in, given their nature and low financial value.

The report considered can be found in the Annex to this report.

#### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

As detailed within the Annex to this report.

#### Report Implications

As detailed within the annexes to this report.

Background Papers: None

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#### Annex

Reports considered by the Cabinet Lead Member.