

Cambridge City Council

Officer Urgent Decision Record

Decision(s) taken:	To take action to address the implications for businesses and the city centre and to provide support for them in the context of the Coronavirus restrictions
Decision of:	Strategic Director 1
Date of decision:	12 November 2020
Matter for Decision:	<p>The four-week national lockdown from 5 November 2020 requires the council to determine any additional measures necessary to support the city over and above the support already in place and/or simplifying timescales or parameters for that support. The Council is addressing this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• implementing national business grant support schemes, both mandatory, and those where the council has some discretion to address local economic needs;• confirming support that it provides within its own authority (e.g., to market and street traders in Cambridge); and• confirming support it provides within its own authority through city centre car-parking arrangements.
Any alternative options considered and rejected:	The decisions are taken based on the latest guidance and information at 12 November 2020 and will be kept under review.
Reason(s) for the decision including any background papers considered:	<p>An urgent decision under paragraph 2 of section 9, Council Procedure Rules was necessary to enable business support grants, support for market and street traders and city centre car-parking arrangements to be finalised and implemented in the context of the four-week national lockdown from 5 November 2020.</p> <p>The Government's announcement of the national lockdown on 31 October 2020 followed by the start of the lockdown on 5 November 2020 requires decisions outside of the normal cycle with additional delegated authority to oversee detailed implementation where appropriate.</p> <p>Link to Background paper: Document Officer Urgent Decision 12.11.2020 Addressing the implications for business city centre - coronavirus restrictions - Cambridge Council</p>

Conflicts of interest and dispensations granted by the Chief Executive: None.

Other Comments: The Executive Councillors for (i) Finance and Resources (ii) Climate Change, Environment and City Centre, and (iii) Transport and Community Safety were consulted and approved the Strategic Director's decision.

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