

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

| Date | Decision Maker | Decision | Reason(s) for Decision | Alternative Options Considered | Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer) | Consultation with relevant Ward Member(s) | Subject to Call-in? |
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| 10.09.2019 | <p>Portfolio Holder for Investment and Growth: Cllr Mary Newton</p> <p>In association with SME Growth Fund Grant Panel (5/5 votes returned):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ewan Green (Corporate Director for Planning & Regeneration) • Richard Barrett (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits) • Anita Thornberry (Haven Gateway Partnership) • Katie Skingle (private sector) | <p>To reject a grant of £125,000 to Dolphin Sails Ltd., an established company in Harwich, from the Council's SME Growth Fund.</p> | <p>Dolphin Sails Ltd. applied to the SME Growth Fund, followed the application process and the application was put before Panel in Autumn 2018. After having been approved at that time with conditions to be met, Officers worked with the applicant to assist in meeting the imposed conditions of the grant, including Land Registration and formal lease arrangements. The application was put before Panel again in Summer 2019 but whilst 3 of the Panel remained supportive, it was decided that satisfactory evidence had not been supplied to continue with the grant.</p> | <p>Dolphin Sails Ltd. met all eligibility criteria in order to submit a Full Application to the Fund, and after initial Panel approval in 2018, Officers worked with the applicant to resolve outstanding conditions associated with the grant. This decision to refuse the grant has been taken after a second viewing at Panel, which concluded that whilst efforts had been made by the applicant, satisfactory evidence to meet the imposed conditions had not been achieved.</p> | <p>None.</p> | <p>Yes/No No</p> | <p>Yes/No Yes</p> |

URGENT DECISIONS ONLY (If non-urgent go to "Agreement to Decision" below):-

| GENERAL EXCEPTION APPLIES? (Rule 14 Access to Information Procedure Rules) | YES/NO | If yes, has at least 5 clear days notice been given to the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee? | YES/NO |
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| SPECIAL URGENCY APPLIES? (Rule 15 Access to Information Procedure Rules) | YES/NO | If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained? | YES/NO |
| EXEMPTION FROM CALL-IN APPLIES? (Rule 18i Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) | YES/NO | If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained? | YES/NO |
| URGENT & OUTSIDE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK? (Rule 6 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules) | YES/NO | If yes, why is it not practical to convene a quorate meeting of full Council? | |
| | | If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained? | YES/NO |

AGREEMENT TO DECISION:-

Signed: 

Decision Maker

Date:- 17-9-2019

Delegated Power Reference (in Part 3 of the Constitution):-
Part 3.36 - Number 3 - the approval of grants to organisations

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