

Councillor Stephenson,
5 Marion Avenue
Clacton-on-Sea
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28th September 2020

Dear Councillor Stephenson

Delegated Power Ref: (*Insert reference from Part 3 of the Constitution*)
Cabinet – No.6 (Part 3.31); and
Business & Economic Growth Portfolio Holder – Part 3.36 and Part 3.39 (Nos.
2 & 3).

Request for Consent to use ‘General Exception’ Procedure

The Cabinet propose to make the following key decision that is in the
Council’s Forward Plan:-

Approval to enter into a Collaboration and Funding Agreement with the local
authority partners that together comprise the North Essex Economic Board,
and to allocate 10% of the district’s ARG funding in support of the Board’s
COVID-19 recovery interventions.

To give authority to Cllr. Mary Newton, Portfolio Holder for Business &
Economic Growth and Cllr. Giancarlo Guglielmi, Deputy Leader, Portfolio
Holders for Corporate Finance and Governance to agree future projects
agreed by the NEEB that fall within this 10% of the district’s ARG funding.

I enclose a report from Barbara Pole, Economic Growth and Enterprise
Manager in relation to this matter for your assistance.

This decision can not be reasonably deferred to allow the Council to give at
least 28 clear days notice of the decision for the following reasons:

The funding is required to finance six 'quick win' projects in partnership with other local authorities and Essex County Council under the banner of the North Essex Economic Board (NEEB).

By pooling resources the partners are able to implement a range of sub-regional project interventions that together will have a positive impact on the economic recovery of North Essex. Interventions will also focus on the delivery of skills necessary to support businesses and to get residents of working age back into employment.

One of the six project (Click it Local) has already been implemented and Essex County Council have already gone out to tender for the Business Support aspect of the projects. Therefore, agreement to fund these initiatives is required as a matter of urgency.

Further to this the availability of ARG is limited and failure to allocate the funding by the end of the financial year will require the money to be returned to Government.

The Cabinet therefore propose to take the decision using the 'General Urgency' procedure in Rule 14 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution. I would be grateful if you would send the attached Consent Form back to me indicating whether you agree with this course of action.

Yours sincerely

Lee Heley

Lee Heley, Interim Corporate Director, Projects Delivery

Dear Lee

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I refer to the letter from you concerning exercising the above delegated power in relation to the approval to enter into a Collaboration and Funding Agreement with the local authority partners that together comprise the North Essex Economic Board, and to allocate 10% of the district’s ARG funding in support of the Board’s COVID-19 recovery interventions.

In view of the urgency of this decision, I note that you propose to use the General Exception procedure contained in Rule 14 of the Access to Information Procedure rules in Part 5 of the Council’s Constitution.

I agree / do not agree* that the ‘General Exception’ procedure should be followed in this case.

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(Insert name of Councillor)
Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee

Dated

* Please delete as appropriate.

Additional comments (if any)
