

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION – Acceptance of High Street Accelerator Green Space Funding

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? Yes/No
14.08.2022	Cllr Mark Stephenson, Leader of the Council acting under delegated powers (as set out in Part 3 - Responsibility of Functions - Scheme of Delegation Part 3.28 - paragraph 3) following consultation with the Section 151 and Monitoring Officers.	To accept £500k or Green Spaces Funding as part of the High Accelerator Pilot scheme focusing on Dovercourt High Street. At the Cabinet meeting on the 24th May 2024, a report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism titled 'Progress with Town Centre Regeneration Through the Clacton Long Term Plans For Towns and Dovercourt High Street Accelerator had been submitted. Decisions agreed by Cabinet included: (g) welcome and acknowledge receipt of the Grant Determination Letter received 8 May 2024 awarding £500,000 funding (£450,000 Capital, £50,000 Revenue) for the financial year 2024/25 to spend in line with the expression of interest in support improvements to green space in Harwich	The national High Street Accelerator Programme included a £5m capital fund. The ten participating councils nationally could apply for a share of up to £500,000 to improve their high streets' green spaces and create more pleasant environments for residents to meet and socialise. The Council submitted an expression of interest on 1st March 2024 and published a notice of decision by the Deputy Leader of the Council and Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism Portfolio Holder on 16 April ahead of receiving funding. Subsequently in June 2024 a Memorandum of Understanding was completed and provide to Government.	Do nothing: Tending District Council will not accept the funding. Accept reduced funding: Not deliver all of the intended projects. Accepting full funding and not delivering on all the projects will result in TDC giving back any excess funding. Therefore, accepting reduced funding would not be	This decision falls under the Leader of the Council as the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Leisure sits on the High Street Accelerator Partnership.	N/A	Yes

		and Dovercourt; and (h) delegate the authorisation of the spending of that money in (g) above to the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Public Realm; and further delegates entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for this funding to the Corporate Director (Place and Economy), in consultation with the Section 151 Officer.	However, due to the announcement of the elections, unless payment was finalised, all Government funding was delayed allowing a new Government to take a view. On the 5 th August 2024, TDC received confirmation from the High Streets Team that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government have approved continuation of the green spaces funding for the High Street Accelerators Pilot Programme and that the funding would be released in the near future.			
URGENT DECISIONS ONLY (If non-urgent go to "Agreement to Decision" below):-						
GENERAL EXCEPTION APPLIES? (Rule 14 Access to Information Procedure Rules)			NO	If yes, has at least 5 clear days notice been given to the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee?		NO
SPECIAL URGENCY APPLIES? (Rule 15 Access to Information Procedure Rules)			NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?		NO
EXCEPTION TO CALL-IN APPLIES? (Rule 18i Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules)			NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?		NO
URGENT & OUTSIDE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK? (Rule 6 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules)			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?		NO
AGREEMENT TO DECISION:-						
Signed:- 			Date:-		Delegated Power Reference (in Part 3 of the Constitution):-	
..... Decision Maker			...14.08.2024.....		Scheme of Delegation Part 3.28 – paragraph 3	

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