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**NORTHAMPTON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Cabinet Member Delegated Decision

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Covid Grants – Parish Councils</b>
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**AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC**

### Expected Date of Decision:

**Within Policy:** YES

**Policy Document:** NO

**Directorate:** Finance

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Brandon Eldred, Cabinet Member for Finance

**Ward(s)** Parished Wards

### 1. Purpose

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- 1.1 To approve the award of grant to Parish Councils to provide assistance as a result of Covid pressure and support to the Council in delivering the community safety message.

### 2. Recommendations

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- 2.1 Cabinet are asked to approve the award of grant to the Parish Councils to provide financial support as a result of Covid and in recognition of their assistance in delivering the community safety messages within their parishes.
- 2.2 The grant is not ringfenced, but may be used to provide localised messages or support reductions in other income.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 Cabinet have sought to distribute some Covid Funding support direct to communities with Councillor Covid Community Grants, to the value of c£100,000.
- 3.1.2 This distribution of funding to Parish Councils is to provide further support direct to the communities, enabling Parish Councils to use funds to reinforce Covid safety messages and/or provide further very localised support within their communities.
- 3.1.3 Cabinet will consider how it might provide further support to non-parished areas in due course.

#### **3.2 Issues**

- 3.2.1 There are no specific issues relating to this decision, the funding is from Covid Grant received by the Council.

#### **3.3 Choices (Options)**

- 3.3.1 Cabinet (though this single member decision) may approve the award of grant as recommended, choose a different value/level or not award a grant.

### **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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#### **4.1 Policy**

- 4.1.1 There are no policy implications to this report

#### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

- 4.2.1 The grant proposed is based on the number of Band 'D' equivalents for each Parish Council (ie their respective tax base), using a £4.50 share per 'Band D', to provide an appropriate method of distributing c£100,000 to the Parish Councils, as set out in the table below.

<b>Covid Funding - Parish Council Support</b>		
<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>Band Ds</b>	<b>Grant</b>
Billing	2,821	£12,694.50
Collingtree	536	£2,412.00
Duston	5,581	£25,114.50
Great Houghton	290	£1,305.00
Hardingstone	819	£3,685.50
Upton	2,789	£12,550.50
Wooton	2,991	£13,459.50
East Hunsbury	3,507	£15,781.50
West Hunsbury	1,668	£7,506.00
Hunsbury Meadow	973	£4,378.50
<b>Total Parish Band Ds</b>	<b>21,975</b>	<b>£98,887.50</b>

### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 There are no legal implications to this report/decision

### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 There are no equality implications to this decision, it provides funding to Parish Councils to support Covid messaging and assist with financial sustainability.

### **4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)**

4.5.1 Cabinet have been consulted.

### **4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes**

4.6.1 The proposal supports the current Covid activities, which in turn contribute to the safer communities aspects of the Corporate Plan

### **4.7 Other Implications**

4.7.1 The Single Member Decision Process is being utilised as the last tranche of Government Grant was received at the time the Cabinet Report on Budgets was being finalised and published, therefore this scheme could not be included in that report.

4.7.2 To wait for the next available Cabinet would mean delaying the award and payment of grants until after the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020, if this is approved.

## **5. Background Papers**

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5.1 Cabinet Report – Budget Monitoring – 11 November 2020

**Stuart McGregor, Chief Finance Officer (S151)**

## REPORT COMPLETION CHECK LIST

**Note:** Steps 1 – 25 should be completed BEFORE report goes to call-over

		Yes	No	Initials
	<b>Forward Plan</b>			
1	Does the issue need to come for a Cabinet decision?		N	
2	Has the issue been discussed with Portfolio Holder?	Y		
3	Have the ward Cllrs been made aware of the issue?		N	
4	Is it agreed if the issue is a KEY or NON-KEY decision?		N	
5	Is the title confirmed as it will appear on the agenda?	Y		
6	Has the item gone onto the current Forward Plan?		N	
7	<b>Write Report (check formatting)</b>			
8	Is it on the correct (latest) template?	Y		
9	Are the pages numbered?	Y		
10	Is the alignment consistent (should be left aligned)?	Y		
11	Is the paragraph numbering correct?	Y		
12	Is the font set throughout at Arial 12?	Y		
	Have you used the same format for bullet points throughout the report?	Y		
13	Does the report state clearly if it is PRIVATE?	Y		
14	Is the correct date on the report?	Y		
15	Have you deleted KEY/NON-KEY	Y		
16	Have you put the correct Directorate(s)	Y		
17	Have you put the correct Portfolio Holder(s)	Y		
18	Have you run a spell / grammar check?	Y		
19	<b>Write Report (content)</b>			
20	Attach appendices and insert number on front of report	Y		
21	Is the Report content agreed with: Portfolio Holder?	Y		
22	Director?	Y		
23	Accountant?	Y		
24	Legal Services?	Y		
25	Send Report to Democratic Services	Y		
26	<b>Report Presented to Call Over (by Author/Director)</b>			
27	<b>Refer to Call-Over Notes (sent following meeting)</b>			
28	Is the report cleared to go on the agenda?			
29	<b>Report updated to reflect Mngt Board comments</b>			
30	Tick sheet completed?			
31	Send updated report to Democratic Services			

**Friday after Call Over:** Reports to IP/FF

IP/FF return reports to Director with comments

**Following Tuesday:** Final input from Portfolio Holder

**Wednesday am:** Reports to IP → FF → Democratic Services

**Wed pm -Mon am:** Reports cleared by IP / FF / DK

**Monday am:** Reports returned to Democratic Services

**Monday Midday:** Reports to Print

**Tuesday:** Agenda collated/ Published /distributed

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**Cabinet Member:**

I declare no conflict of interest applies

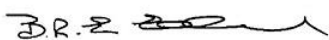
I agree the report’s recommendations

I do not agree the report’s recommendations

I agree the report’s recommendations subject to the following amendments:

The reason for the decision are as follows:

Cabinet Member For: Finance ]

Signature: 

Date: 20 November 2020