

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: COUNCIL TAX COVID-19 HARDSHIP FUND 2020/21

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

1. That the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration agreed that the Council utilises the balance of the Council's funding allocation from the Council Tax Covid-19 Hardship Fund to support the recommended areas of expenditure as outlined in Section 5 of this report.
2. That the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Finance and Resources to flex the level of funding to be allocated against each area in order to address future changing circumstances arising from the pandemic; with the aim being to utilise all the £2.2m funding allocation by 31 March 2021.
3. That the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Regeneration noted that a further Cabinet Member report be submitted in late January / early February 2021 to address any forecast remaining balance at 31 March 2021.

Reasons for Decisions

The recommendations in this report will ensure that the government funding provided under Council Tax COVID-19 Hardship Fund 2020/21 is allocated to the most appropriate areas to assist the financial circumstances of residents in 2020/21.

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