

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(as a result of the Royston and District Committee on 1 April 2020 being cancelled due to Covid-19 situation)

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted *[if applicable]*

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: *Legal and Community*

1. DECISION TAKEN

The approval of allocating funding from the Royston & District Base Budget to cover room hire costs for holding the Town Talk at suitable venues in Royston

2. DECISION TAKER

Executive Member - Community Engagement- Cllr Judi Billing, in consultation with the Service Director: Legal and Community (under section 9.8.2 (h) and 14.6.9(b)(iii) 5 of the Constitution).

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

2.4.2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The Royston and District Committee on 1 April 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation.

The awarding of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and the use of discretionary spending allows the Committee to further the aims of the Corporate Plan.

5. CONSULTATION WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Consultation including the effect on stakeholders, partners and the public is contained within the report published with the Royston and District Committee agenda for meeting on 1 April 2020.

Given the current Covid-19 situation and government advice regarding gatherings, the meeting of the Royston and District Committee was not possible. Therefore, the Committee Members were requested to provide an indication as to how they would have voted and any comments as to guide the decision maker.

By the prescribed deadline 3 votes were cast in favour of the recommendation and 1 vote in objection.

The following Members of the Royston and District Committee voted:

- Councillor Carol Stanier;
- Councillor Ruth Brown;
- Councillor Tony Hunter; and
- Councillor Jean Green.

The following Members offered Comments, as summarised below:

Councillor Carol Stanier believes that the town council should be included in the town talks and that they can provide free venues so this may not be necessary.

Councillor Ruth Brown advised that Royston Town Council were due to consider waiving this charge at the Finance Committee scheduled for 30th March. However meetings have all been suspended indefinitely due to Covid 19.

6. SUPPORTING REPORT

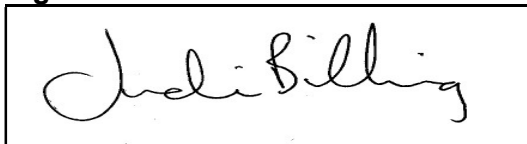
Other information relevant to the decision, such as legal, financial, risk, social value and equality implications, is contained within the report published as Item 8 within the Royston and District agenda for the meeting on 1 April 2020 via link below:

<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=152&MId=2254>

NOTIFICATION DATE

3.4.2020

Signature of Executive Member Decision taker



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Signature of Service Director: Legal and Community



Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

In respect of Executive Decisions, as per section 6.3.11(b) of the Constitution 'Call-In and Urgency', the call-in procedure does not apply when the decision being taken is urgent. For the purposes of the current Coronavirus pandemic, this decision is considered to be urgent (as normal meetings and the decision-making process was suspended for this meeting). The Chair of Council has been informed and agrees that the decision is a reasonable one in the circumstances and is to be treated as a matter of urgency.