

Delegated Decision Making by Lead Cabinet Member

Decision to be taken by County Councillor: **Stephen Davies, Cabinet Member for Children's Safeguarding and Early Years**

Government COVID Local Support Grant and Extension 2021

Earliest decision date	Thursday 9 December 2021
Conflict of interest declared by any councillor or consultee and any Audit and Governance Committee dispensation	None
Summary of any representations received before decision taken and how they have been taken onto account	None
Signature of County Councillor	<p>In coming to this decision, I have given due and full regard to the requirements of the public sector equality duty contained in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ("the Act") by reference to the law itself and also the relevant Equality Impact Assessment, which was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act.</p> <p>Having fully considered all of the available information, I have decided to reject the alternative options and take the recommended decision to:</p> <p>Ratify the following decisions by the Executive Director of Children's Services:</p> <p>Covid Local Support Grant</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A decision by the Executive Director of Children's Services to award to the company known as Auriga Service Ltd, without further competition, a contract for the supply and distribution of (a) free school meals and (b) emergency support to vulnerable children and families in the form of essential items (food vouchers, fuel vouchers, white goods) during the period 17th April 2021 to 20th June 2021 on grounds that, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by unforeseeable events, the time limits for completing a regulated procurement procedure could not be complied with (the

notification of grant award was received by DWP The Department for Work and Pensions announced an allocation on 14th April and the services needed to be operational by 17th April)

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2. A decision to award a further direct contract award to the company known as Auriga Service Ltd, without further competition, a contract for the supply and distribution of for the same services as per recommendation 1, during the period from 21st June 2021 to 30th September 2021 on grounds that, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by unforeseeable events, the time limits for completing a regulated procurement procedure could not be complied with (the notification of grant award was received by DWP The Department for Work and Pensions announced an allocation on 21st June instructing Councils to make immediate preparations to administer the grant, meaning that services needed to be operational the same day (21st June)

Grants to District Councils

3. A decision to provide a £70,000 grant to each of Gloucestershire’s six District Councils (£420,000 in total funded through the Local COVID Support Grant Extension) in order to develop local support for vulnerable families and individuals who have been adversely impacted by the pandemic, and are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing poverty.

For the reasons set out in the report.



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Date of decision

9.12.21