

**RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION**

Key Decision      ✓

**SUBJECT:**

Enterprise Support Programme – Amendment to Support Businesses Affected by Storm Callum

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended officer decision of the Director of Regeneration, Planning and Housing as described below.

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for amendment to the eligibility criteria of the Enterprise Support Programme to allow financial support for businesses directly affected by Storm Callum, October 2018.

**DELEGATED DECISION (OCTOBER 2018):**

It is agreed that:

The eligibility criteria of the Enterprise Support Programme are amended to allow financial support for businesses directly affected by the exceptional circumstances caused by Storm Callum, October 2018.

  
Chief Officer Signature

C. BENDSMAN  
Print Name

30/10/18  
Date

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution

**CONSULTATION**



30/10/18

**CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE**

**DATE**



30<sup>th</sup> oct 18

**CONSULTEE OFFICER SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

**CALL IN PROCEDURE RULES.**

**IS THE DECISION DEEMED URGENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

NO ✓

*If deemed urgent - signature of Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Head of Paid Service confirming agreement that the proposed decision is reasonable in all the circumstances for it being treated as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rule 17.2:*

.....  
(Mayor)

.....  
(Dated)

**NB - If this is a reconsidered decision then the decision cannot be called in and the decision will take effect from the date the decision is signed.**

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**PUBLICATION & IMPLEMENTATION DATES**

**PUBLICATION**

Publication on the Councils Website:- 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

**DATE**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION**

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Subject to Call In the implementation date will be 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**DATE**

**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :✓**

### Further Information

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## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **KEY DELEGATED DECISION**

#### **A REPORT TO ACCOMPANY A DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION, PLANNING AND HOUSING**

**OCTOBER 2018**

#### **ENTERPRISE SUPPORT PROGRAMME - AMENDMENT TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY STORM CALLUM**

**AUTHOR: DEREK JAMES, HEAD OF REGENERATION, HOUSING AND  
PROSPERITY**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval for amendment to the eligibility criteria of the Enterprise Support Programme. This will allow financial support to be provided to businesses at the north of the Cwmbach Industrial Estate and the top end of the Rhondda Fawr, who were directly affected by flooding as a result of the exceptional circumstances caused by Storm Callum, October 2018.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that:

The eligibility criteria of the Enterprise Support Programme are amended to allow financial support for those businesses directly affected by the exceptional circumstances caused by Storm Callum, October 2018.

### **3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Many businesses were impacted by the significant flooding caused as a result of Storm Callum. The amendments to the Enterprise Support Programme will enable the Council to provide grant assistance to these businesses, supporting them to continue trading, minimising any impact on employment and sustainability.

**4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Rhondda Cynon Taf experienced severe weather from Thursday, October 11 to Sunday, October 14 as a result of Storm Callum. There was unprecedented rain-fall in the tops of the Rhondda and Cynon valleys which had the worst flooding impact of the last 30 years.
- 4.2 The Cynon Valley was significantly impacted with the rainfall levels reaching 180mm or over 7 inches in the top of the Valley over the Friday and Saturday. This caused a number of culverts to exceed their capacity and a number of businesses were flooded as a result.

**5.0 ENTERPRISE SUPPORT PROGRAMME – REVISION TO ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- 5.1 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council (RCT CBC) is committed to encouraging the strength and vitality of the local economy, and through its Enterprise Support Programme offers capital grant support to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with growth ambitions and a commitment to creating jobs.
- 5.2 The Programme is funded by the Council’s capital programme and the grant can contribute to capital costs such as building works and the purchase of equipment but not the purchase of stock.
- 5.3 The eligibility criteria for the Programme determine who can apply, the level of grant and the expected outcomes. Given the exceptional circumstances caused by Storm Callum and its detrimental impact on businesses to the north of Cwmbach Industrial Estate and the north of the Rhondda Fawr, it is proposed that the criteria are amended to enable the Council to respond quickly and effectively to support the businesses affected in these specific areas.
- 5.4 The proposals are set out below;

<b>Existing Criteria</b>	<b>Proposed Revised Criteria</b>
Grant rate of 40% of eligible costs (exc VAT) up to a maximum grant of £10k	Grant rate of 50% of eligible costs (exc VAT) up to a maximum grant of £10k
Requirement for job creation (1 job for grant up to £5K; 2 jobs for grant up to £10K)	Waive job creation requirements
Requirement for 2 comparable quotations	Requirement for 1 quotation where applicable
Retrospective costs are ineligible	Allow retrospective expenditure (no

(i.e expenditure committed to or incurred prior to a formal offer of grant)	further back than 12 October 2018)
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5.5 Businesses will need to complete a very brief application and provide supporting photographic evidence of the flood damage.

**6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time.

**7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 None required.

**8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

8.1 The resources will be allocated from within the existing Enterprise Support Programme budget which is part of the Council's approved Capital Programme.

**9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

9.1 There are no legal implications or legislation to be considered.

**10.0 LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

10.1 The amendment to the Enterprise Support Programme will provide an opportunity to support local businesses, contributing to achieving the "Economy" priority within the Corporate Plan.

10.2 It will also contribute to the goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act, in particular the economic well-being of Wales - supporting the delivery of a prosperous Wales and a more resilient Wales.

## 11.0 CONCLUSION

- 11.1 Many businesses were impacted by the significant flooding caused as a result of Storm Callum. The amendments to the Enterprise Support Programme will enable the Council to respond effectively to the needs of the businesses, supporting them to continue trading, minimising any impact on employment and future sustainability as a result of these exceptional circumstances.

### **Other Information:-**

#### ***Relevant Scrutiny Committee***

Public Services Delivery, Communities and Prosperity

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