



**Notice is hereby given that a key decision will be taken by the Director of Corporate Services on 5 June 2020**

**Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund Policy**

When a matter is a key decision and has not been advertised 28 days prior to the date that the decision is required to be taken, and it has also not been possible to give five clear days notice, then the decision can still be taken under delegation if the provisions of Rule 15 (Special Urgency) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules Part 4B of the Constitution can be applied, once agreement, has been obtained by Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, that the decision cannot reasonably be deferred

Councillor Southgate in his capacity as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, has approved the use of Section 15 - Special Urgency, procedures for this decision.

The reason for the special urgency is that the government has provided Merton with just over £1.3 million in funding to award to businesses, organisations and charities to support them with property costs and loss on income. The government expects authorities to commence payments in early June. Some authorities are already inviting applications. If the decision is taken on 5 June, this will enable the council to open up applications on Wednesday 10 June, subject to no call in requests being received. It would speed up the process for receiving applications and making awards to businesses and organisations that need this support.

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