



## Notice of the Making of an Urgent Decision

Para 1 of the second sub-section of section 3 in Part 3 of Chichester District Council's *Constitution* provides for any senior officer to make urgent decisions following consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on any matters where it is not practicable to refer these to a meeting of the Council, the Cabinet or other committee provided that a full report on any decisions taken shall subsequently be made.

A decision of this nature has been made as set out below:

Decision title	Levelling Up Fund Round two application support
Decision taker	Jane Hotchkiss
Decision consultees	Eileen Lintill – Leader Adrian Moss – Leader of the opposition Clare Apel - Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Decision date	4/5/2022
Decision details	<p>The Levelling Up Fund is a £4.8 billion fund to contribute to the levelling up agenda by investing in infrastructure that improves everyday life across the UK. The fund is distributed through a competitive bidding process. A first round of funding was launched last year, with successful projects announced in October 2021. Out of 305 bids, 105 projects were awarded funding totaling £1.7 billion.</p> <p>All Local Authorities have been assigned a priority category based on an index assessing their need for economic recovery and growth, improved transport connectivity and/or regeneration, with Priority Category 1 indicating the highest need. Chichester has been moved up from Priority Category 3 to Priority Category 2. Due to the change in category and the indication that there may not be any round three of funding, it is recommended that CDC should look to submit a bid.</p> <p>The deadline for funding applications to the Levelling Up Fund is 12 noon on Wednesday 6 July 2022. Successful projects must be able to demonstrate spend from the fund in 2022/23 and the Government expects, with limited exceptions, all funding will be spent by 31 March 2025.</p> <p>All Category one Local Authorities receive £125,000 from the fund to support their application process, and due to the depth of information required and short time frame to submit the application process it is recommended that CDC appoints consultants to assist in this process</p> <p><b>Decision</b> Approval for the release of up to £125,000 from capital Reserves to support the application process for the Levelling Up Fund</p>
Reason for urgency	The scale of the application process and the short timeframe for submission



Name and date of the meeting to receive a full report	A report with further background will be reported to the next Full Council.
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