

## OFFICER DECISION FORM

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:** Director of Regeneration & Place

**KEY DECISION YES**

**DIRECTORATE:**

**WARDS AFFECTED:** This matter effects Birkenhead and Tranmere Ward, and Seacombe Ward.

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**SUBJECT:** TOWNS FUND: RECEIPT OF ACCELERATED GRANT

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1.0 **RECOMMENDATION:**The Director of Regeneration and Place is recommended to:

- (1) Accept the MHCLG grant of £1,000,000.
- (2) Take the necessary steps, including commissioning of external support, to develop and implement proposals that are in line with the Towns Fund Intervention Framework and as set out in the funding submission made to Government on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

### 2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 The grant has been provided to the council for projects that will make an immediate impact in towns. The proposals for utilising the grant have taken in to account the Towns Fund Intervention Framework, key themes and proposals that are emerging from meetings of the Town Deal Board, as well as the council's emerging Birkenhead Regeneration Framework. Delivery of the grant will bring about an immediate benefit to businesses and residents in the area to which the grant is applied.
- 1.2 The grant forms part of government's accelerated capital programme for economic recovery with a requirement for disbursement of funds no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

### 3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

Signed: 

**Officer: Alan Evans**

**Title: Director of Regeneration & Place**

**Date: 04.11.20**

**A list of background papers on this issue is held with:**

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