

AGENDA ITEM NO 6

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL
BUDGET AND POLICY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2020**

**BRIEFING NOTE
CORONAVIRUS HEALTH EMERGENCY SOCIAL
FUND & RELATED MATTERS**

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Committee will recall that, at the last Meeting of Council, the foregoing grant scheme was established to provide support for eligible organisations assisting with the pandemic community relief effort.
- 1.2 Copies of the Scheme details are available at:
<https://www.tavistock.gov.uk/council-services/grants>
- 1.3 The purpose of this briefing note is therefore to provide opportunity to the Committee to:
 - a) Note awards made to date (please refer to the 'Delegated Decision Schedule' for awards made as listed elsewhere on this agenda);
 - b) Consider whether it wishes to endorse the continuation of
 - i. the operation of the Scheme under the current delegation¹
 - ii. emergency delegation² arrangements in the event that urgent decisions are required at short notice which cannot practicably be secured through the normal meeting process.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Scheme has been effective in providing support to organisations supporting the local relief effort in a timely manner (usually turning them around within 72hrs), as has the wider emergency delegation.
- 2.2 To enable the Scheme to continue to operate in a timely manner it is recommended that it continue to be administered on the

¹ Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and immediate past Mayor.

² Ibid

same basis of operation as at present - subject to applications being brought before the Budget and Policy Committee for determination in the event there is a lack of unanimous agreement as to outcome between the existing parties to decisions.

- 2.3 It is also proposed that the current broader emergency delegation be retained specifically insofar as urgent decisions may still need to be made at very short notice only.

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