



**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED  
AUTHORITY  
(Not a Key Decision)**

**Date of Decision: 6 April 2020**

**Executive Decision or 'Other Decision' to be  
published?: Yes**

**TITLE: Grant Funding for Community Foundations for Lancashire and Merseyside (CFLM)**

**DECISION: That funding of £10,000 be provided to CFLM**

**AUTHORITY:**

**Constitution 4.2 Proper Officer Provisions and Scheme of Delegation to Chief Officers**

4.21 To take any action on behalf of the Council, following consultation with the Leader and relevant Portfolio Holder or the Chairman of the appropriate committee, in cases of urgency requiring immediate decisions, and where it would be unreasonable or impractical to convene a meeting.

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

The reasons for the decision are as set out below.

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

1.1 The coronavirus pandemic has created an unprecedented range of issues and there has been a need to take urgent action in a wide range of areas to address these problems. In these circumstances it has not been possible to convene committee meetings and consequently action has had to be taken under delegated authority arrangements.

**2.0 CURRENT POSITION**

2.1 Details on CFLM are provided in the appendix, including who they are, what they want, and what they will do. Additional information is also available on their website <https://lancsfoundation.org.uk/>

2.2 CFLM will provide immediate and emergency support for community businesses and third sector organisations in the context of the pandemic. It has been agreed by local authorities in Lancashire and Merseyside that this organisation should coordinate these activities and that funding should be provided to support this work, set at £10,000 for a district council.

**3.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED (IF ANY)**

3.1 The Council could choose not to provide this funding but this would limit the essential work that CFLM will undertake, undermine effective partnership working, and put the Council out of step and potentially at odds with all of the other authorities in Lancashire and Merseyside.

**4.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The £10,000 cost of providing support can be met from Contingency Balances. This is an appropriate use of this reserve as it is meant to cushion the impact of unexpected events or emergencies.

**5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The work that CFLM will undertake will promote the financial sustainability of community businesses and third sector organisations.

**6.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 Providing this financial support should have a positive impact of equality issues given the purpose, vision and mission statement of the CFLM.

**7.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

7.1 There are no background documents in making this Decision.

**8.0 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**Decision Taker: (Chief Operating Officer)**

**Signature: ...**  .....

**In Consultation with: (Leader)**

Signature: .....  .....

**In Consultation with: (Resources and Transformation Portfolio Holder)**

Signature:  ...

**NOTES**

(Executive Decisions)  
**1. ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER (Only required where decisions taken in consultation with):**

(Executive Decisions)  
**2. IF CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS, DETAILS OF DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE HEAD OF THE PAID SERVICE:**

(‘Other Decisions’)  
**3. THE NAMES OF ANY COUNCILLOR WHO HAS DECLARED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO THE DECISION**

**Appendix**

CFLM Charity Funding Proposals



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