Officer Decision Notice

Classification:

Unrestricted



Report of: Strategic Director of Resources

Subject / Title: Covid-19 additional relief fund scheme - CARF

Date of Decision: 12 July 20222

1. **SUMMARY**

- The purpose of this scheme is to determine eligibility for an award of discretionary rate relief through the COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF)
- Local authorities can determine how much relief to provide and which businesses to support but it should be directed at businesses adversely affected by the pandemic that have been unable to adequately adapt.
- The relief can only be awarded in respect of the 2021/22 business rates liability and will be awarded after any other mandatory and discretionary reliefs.
- Stroud District Council has received £2,344,761 funding for the CARF scheme.

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

2.1 For Stroud District Council to adopt the Covid-19 additional relief fund scheme.

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

3.1 A report has been prepared in accordance with government advice and guidance.

4. <u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS</u>

4.1 None

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 In reaching this decision, the decision maker has consulted with and has the agreement of the following:

- o Chief Executive
- o Section 151 officer
- o Leaders of all political groups

6. <u>Conflicts of Interest Declaration</u>

6.1 None

Signed.....

(Designation of Officer)