

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Finance Committee	21 July 2020
<b>Subject:</b> Report of Action Taken – Public Decisions taken under Delegated Authority/Urgency procedures since the last formal meeting of the Committee	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

This report advises Members of urgent and/or delegated public action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Orders No. 41(a) and 41(b).

### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

### Main report

## 1. Subject: Funding for Heart of the City (Urgency) – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

### Background

Normally, funding for Heart of the City goes to January's Policy & Resources Committee meeting (and Resource Allocation Sub-Committee) and, following approval of an appropriate sum, is incorporated within the Corporation's budget submitted to the February Finance Committee meeting and the March meeting of the Court of Common Council.

However, this time, P&R Members in January asked officers to come back with revised proposals in February. This was done and a revised sum was approved.

Unfortunately, because of the month delay and the timing around the budget submission, this figure was missed out of the budget. It was not immediately noticed due to the unfolding COVID issue but became apparent and so an in-year budget adjustment was required to facilitate the award of the money – it seemed to be, in essence, an unfortunate administrative error.

### Reason for urgency

The funding was for core funding of the organisation, primarily covering salaries. As result of the commitment given by P&R and RASC in February, the charity continued its operations in 2020-21 in good faith. Heart of the City required the funding in order to be able to continue to run its services supporting small businesses in 2020-21.

### Action taken

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee agreed one-year's funding for 2020/21, totalling £202,000, to be met from City's Cash; approval will result an in-year revision to the 2020/21 budget. This revision was also subsequently signed off by the Court of Common Council under urgency procedures.

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