

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
Date Of Decision	4 March 2021
Decision Maker	Abraham Ezekiel, Assistant Director for Legal and Governance
Brief Description Of Decision	To allow carry forward of unspent divisional fund money of up to £2,000 per Councillor from 2020/21 to 2021/22 financial year
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>The Divisional Fund scheme allocates £10,000 per Councillor each financial year for them to spend on initiatives and activities which benefit their division. The scheme governing this allows each Councillor to carry forward up to £1,000 of uncommitted fund from one financial year to the next.</p> <p>The impact of the Covid pandemic has meant that many community events to which funds would usually be allocated have not taken place, and some members have not been able to allocate the full £10,000 in 2020/21. It is therefore reasonable to enable each member to carry up to £2,000 from this financial year into 2021/22 when the Covid restrictions to maximise the benefit from the fund.</p>
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	To leave the carry forward limit unchanged at £1,000. This would potentially mean councillors are unable to support activities in their communities as they resume, post Covid restrictions.
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	N/A
Reference	03/2021