

Request for Delegated Authority Approval (Emergency Powers – 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic)

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Directorate:	Chief Executive's
Service:	Finance and ICT
Subject:	Financial Issues
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Date of Request:	24 March 2020
Background:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Ayr Gaiety Theatre loan agreement requires to be amended – a letter to Ayr Gaiety has been prepared which will be issued as soon as this request has been approved (Claire Monaghan has had discussions with Cllr McGinley regarding this matter); B. Requirement to introduce a three month suspension of all debt recovery action from 1 April to 30 June 2020; C. Requirement to delay the implementation of any price increases included within the 2020/21 budget for a period of 3 months; D. Requirement to guarantee employee salaries for casual/ sessional staff at Council facilities that have closed temporarily due to Covid-19 – this has already been discussed with Trade Unions; and E. Requirement to guarantee payment to suppliers (if they retain staff and don't charge for marginal costs (fuel, etc)).
Approval Sought For:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Amend the Ayr Gaiety Theatre loan agreement; B. Introduce a three month suspension of all debt recovery action from 1 April to 30 June 2020; C. Delay the implementation of any price increases included within the 2020/21 budget for a period of 3 months; D. Guarantee employee salaries for casual/ sessional staff at Council facilities that have closed temporarily due to Covid-19; and E. Guarantee payment to suppliers (if they retain staff and don't charge for marginal costs (fuel, etc)).

Additional Information:	Re Item C, intention is to freeze the inflationary price increases on point of sale charges to the public - ie those charge increases included in new savings appendix of the budget book – for example, sport and leisure, waste management charges, bereavement charges, etc. No intention to include rents or Council tax
Legal Implications:	Not applicable
Procurement Implications:	Not applicable
Financial Implications:	Not yet quantifiable

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Name(s) of Elected Member(s) consulted:	Douglas Campbell; Peter Henderson
Elected Member Feedback:	Position to be reviewed regularly to monitor changes in the current emergency and available funding from central Government
Decision:	Approved