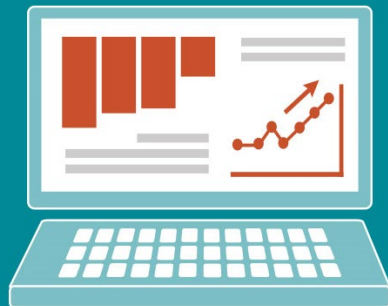


Local Restrictions Support 2020/21

The role to be played by New Forest District Council



Background

- New Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) Regulations came into effect in England on 28th September and will finish on 31st January 2021
- New Local Restriction Business Support scheme for businesses required to close as a result of local lockdown restrictions
- People in England are now required by law to self-isolate if they test positive or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace
- new lump sum Test and Trace Support Payment of £500 for those on low incomes to support them if they cannot work during their self-isolation period
- penalties for those breaking the rules, including fines on a sliding scale from £1,000 up to a maximum of £10,000 for multiple breaches
- new legal obligation on employers that they must not knowingly enable or encourage their employees to break the law on self-isolation
- discretionary funding available for local authorities to support individual circumstances



The role to be played by New Forest District Council



Educate

our community

Support

simple and effective grant distribution

Encourage

self-isolation and other restrictions

EDUCATE

Lead Portfolio: Local Economy



- The importance of Self-Isolation – protecting yourself and others
- Helping residents and businesses to understand the support that is available to them
- Our public messaging will be clear, concise and will be delivered using a variety of media to ensure we capture the wide audience who work and reside in the District
- Eligible businesses forced to close as a result of local lockdown will be supported

Communications

Economic
Development

Customer
Services

SUPPORT Lead Portfolio; Finance, Investment and Corporate Services



- Ensuring prompt payment of financial support available to residents and businesses
- Keeping abreast of and adapting to scheme guideline developments and changes
- Designing and implementing a suitable discretionary scheme to fit the needs of the New Forest Community

Revenues and
Benefits

Financial
Services

Economic
Development

ENCOURAGE Lead Portfolio; Community Affairs



- Following up on residents required to self-isolate
- Working with Public Health and the Police to assist in ensuring new laws are being followed
- Working with Track & Trace and Information Sharing
- Taking swift action against any fraudulent claims

Environmental
Health

Customer
Services

Community
Safety