

**FINANCE, INVESTMENT & CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PORTFOLIO HOLDERS DECISION - 16 NOVEMBER 2020**

**LOCAL RESTRICTIONS SUPPORT GRANTS**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 In response to the Coronavirus, COVID-19, the government announced there would be widespread national restrictions from 5 November 2020 to 2 December 2020. The Government have announced support to those businesses affected by these restrictions.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 This funding is aimed at supporting all eligible businesses located within the New Forest district that are business rate payers who provide in-person services to their customers and who have been required to close due to national restrictions being put in place to manage coronavirus. Businesses required to close but offer a takeaway or click and collect service will be eligible for a grant. Businesses that are able to continue to trade because they do not provide direct in-person services from premises and can operate their services effectively remotely are not eligible.
- 2.2 For the period of the national restrictions, the grants will be either £1,334, £2,000 or £3,000, depending on the rateable value of the business property; payable in a single payment.
- 2.3 New Forest District Council will receive initial funding of £3,511,098 to meet the cost of payments. Any additional costs will be met in full by the Government.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications to the Council as any grant awarded is fully funded by Central Government.

**4. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no environmental, crime or disorder implications.

**5. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

**6. RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 That the Local Restriction Support Grants scheme be approved.

**7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT**

**7.1 I have agreed to the recommendation of this report.**

**Sign: CLLR JEREMY HERON**

**Date: 16 NOVEMBER 2020**

**Sign: CLLR MICHAEL HARRIS**

**Date: 16 NOVEMBER 2020**

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**Background Papers**

Local Restrictions Support Grant  
Scheme

Date on which notice given of this Decision – 16 November 2020