

## **ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS (DISCRETIONARY) GRANT SCHEME**

### **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 businesses located within the New Forest district that are not eligible for the Local Restrictions Grant funding scheme and have been impacted by the national restrictions being put in place to manage coronavirus. This may include businesses not necessarily forced by law to close and those that have been forced to close but are not a ratepayer. Priority is given to businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sector and the supply chain.
- 2.2 For the period of the national restrictions, the grants will be either £750 for businesses based in a domestic property, and either £1,334, £2,000 or £3,000, depending on the annual property costs; payable in a single payment.
- 2.3 New Forest District Council will receive funding of £3,601,720 to meet the cost of the scheme. Funding may also be used for wider business support and can be allocated across financial years 202/21 and 2021/22. There will be no further additional funding once this allocation has been distributed.

### **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 Additional Restriction Grants scheme be approved.

### **7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT**

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

**Sign:** CLLR MICHAEL HARRIS

**Date: 25 November 2020**

**Sign:** CLLR JEREMY HERON

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**Background Papers**

Additional Restrictions Grant  
Scheme

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