

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS SUPPORT GRANTS (OPEN) SCHEME

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In response to the Coronavirus, COVID-19, the government announced there would be Support to those businesses affected by the Tier 2 restrictions from 2 December 2020.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The grant is for businesses located within the New Forest district that are business rate payers. Although there is discretion on what businesses to support, the government is asking Local Authorities to prioritise supporting all eligible businesses which are in the hospitality, leisure and hotel sectors, and our policy reflects this. The support recognises the impact the restrictions have on businesses.
- 2.2 For the period of the national restrictions, the grants will be either £457, £700 or £1,050, depending on the rateable value of the business property; payable in a single payment. These payments are payable for every 14-day period the restrictions are in place.

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 (Open) scheme be approved.

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

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

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Date: 23 December 2020

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Background Papers

Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open)
Scheme

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