

**FINANCE, INVESTMENT & CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION –
14 JANUARY 2021**

CLOSED BUSINESS LOCKDOWN PAYMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In response to the Coronavirus, COVID-19, on 5 January 2021 the government announced the Closed Business Lockdown Payment to provide additional support to business legally forced to close due to national restrictions.
- 1.2 Under this scheme a one-off payment of either £4,000, £6,000 or £9,000 will be granted to all eligible businesses, depending on the rateable value of the property.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Government have recognised the impact the restrictions are having on businesses and are providing additional support to those legally forced to close from 5 January 2021. This includes businesses in the non-essential retail, leisure, personal care, sports facilities and hospitality sectors. The business has to be a business rate payer to be eligible.
- 2.2 Businesses that are in receipt of other Local Restrictions Support, for example Local Restrictions Grants (Open) or Additional Restrictions Grant, can also receive this grant payment.
- 2.3 The scheme will be available for applications until 31 March 2021.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

5. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 That the Closed Business Lockdown Payment Policy be approved.

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

7.1 I have agreed to the recommendation of this report.

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14 JANUARY 2021

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Background Papers

Closed Business Lockdown
Payment Policy

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