

RESTART GRANTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In response to the Coronavirus, COVID-19, on 3 March 2021 the government announced the Restart Grants to provide additional financial support for businesses legally forced to close, with reopening safely.
- 1.2 Under this scheme a one-off payment to eligible businesses will be paid. The grant amounts will be between £2,667 and £18,000 depending on business sector and the rateable value of the premises.

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 with reopening under the lockdown roadmap. This includes businesses in the non-essential retail, hospitality, accommodating, leisure, personal care, and sports/gym sectors. The business has to be a business rate payer to be eligible.
- 2.2 Businesses will have to apply for this new grant and we are required to undertake pre-payment checks before making any payments. A Restart Grant Policy has been prepared in line with Government guidance which set out which businesses are eligible for the grants.
- 2.3 The scheme will be available for applications until 30 June 2021.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications to the Council as the grant awarded is fully funded by Central Government.
- 3.2 The Council expects to receive the funding on or around the 6th April 2021.

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 Restart Grant policy, set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

7.1 I have agreed to the recommendation of this report.

Sign: CLLR J HERON

Date: 1 April 2021

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Background Papers

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