

**FINANCE, INVESTMENT & CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION –
13 JANUARY 2022**

RESTART GRANTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In response to the Omicron variant, on 21 December 2021 the government announced the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant to provide additional support to business that are likely to struggle over the coming weeks.
- 1.2 Under this scheme a one-off payment to eligible businesses will be paid. The grant amounts will be between £2,667 and £6,000 depending on the rateable value of the business premises.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Government have recognised the impact the Omicron variant is having on businesses and are providing additional support. This includes businesses in the hospitality, accommodation and leisure sectors. To be eligible, the business has to be a business rate payer and delivering in-person services, be in occupation of the premises and trading, and not be in administration, insolvent or subject to a striking off notice.
- 2.2 Businesses will have to apply for this new grant via an eform, and we are required to undertake pre-payment checks before making any payments. Government is keen for Local Authorities to distribute the grants as soon as possible,
- 2.3 The scheme will be available for applications until 28 February 2022 and payments must be made by 31 March 2022.

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, crime or disorder implications.

5. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 That the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant policy be approved.

7. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

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

Sign:

Date:

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Background Papers

Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant
Policy