

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS

Decision No:	D210001EM
Decision Taken By:	Leader of the Borough Council
Authority under which Decision Taken:	Emergency provisions for decision making during a period of serious and unexpected disruption under Part 7 of the Constitution.
Decision Type:	Executive Key Decision
Date:	21 January 2021

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

Business Support Grants – Tier 4 and Lockdown

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and escalating infections, Government had imposed Tier 4 restrictions from 20 December 2020 until 4 January 2021, when a new national lockdown was introduced.

As a result of these new measures Government had provided additional funding for businesses. To enable this to be distributed as quickly as possible it was necessary to adopt a number of policies (as summarised below):

- Local Restrictions Support Grants (Closed Addendum) Scheme – Tier 4 only (as detailed in Annex 1)
- Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) Addendum: 5 January 2021 onwards Scheme (as detailed in Annex 2)
- Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment (as detailed in Annex 3)

In response to the Government's request that grant payments were made as soon as possible in order to protect businesses, the Borough Council intended to make payments automatically to those entitled to payment under 'lockdown 2'.

Recipients would be advised that these payments had been made automatically, and that by accepting this grant (and subsequent grants), they were confirming eligibility for the respective scheme(s).

Businesses who had not applied for 'lockdown 2' grant funding could still apply for ongoing support via the website.

Applications/eligibility would be reviewed by the Revenue & Benefits team and the Director of Finance & Transformation who would arrange payment of the grant awards.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Local Restrictions Support Grants (Closed Addendum) Scheme – Tier 4 only (as detailed in Annex 1) be approved;
- (2) the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) Addendum: 5 January 2021 onwards Scheme (as detailed in Annex 2) be approved; and
- (3) the Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment (as detailed in Annex 3) be approved.

Taken in accordance with the Emergency Provisions set out at Part 7 Paragraph 1.3 of the Constitution and in agreement with the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Signed Leader: N Heslop

Signed Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee: J Sergison

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

Date of publication: 22 January 2021

This decision is urgent and therefore not subject to call-in (in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 15 (i) as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution) and may be implemented immediately.