

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS**

<b>Decision No:</b>	<b>D210002EM</b>
<b>Decision Taken By:</b>	Leader of the Borough Council
<b>Authority under which Decision Taken:</b>	Emergency provisions for decision making during a period of serious and unexpected disruption under Part 7 of the Constitution.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Executive Key Decision
<b>Date:</b>	24 January 2021

<b>Decision(s) and Reason(s)</b>
<b>(Revised) Tonbridge And Malling Borough Council Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) Scheme – January 2021 (Lockdown Support)</b>
<p>Following the establishment of the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme (Decision Notice 200015EM) in November 2020 and as a result of the introduction of a third National Lockdown, Government had provided top up funding of £1,173,922. It was, therefore, appropriate to open up a new round of funding to support businesses.</p> <p>In recognition of the significant impact of the lockdown measures on the leisure and hospitality sector, it was proposed to increase the levels of grant funding on offer to align with the other mandatory schemes there were available and to also adjust the existing Scheme to introduce a Hospitality and Leisure Supplement. This supplement was aimed at specific types of business only, as set out in paragraph 3.11 of the Scheme. A revised Scheme was attached at Annex 1.</p> <p>An application process would be available to eligible businesses via the Borough Council's website. Applications would be reviewed by the Economic Development Team, in liaison with the Revenue and Benefits Team and the Director of Finance and Transformation who would arrange payment of the grant awards as soon as possible.</p>
<b>RESOLVED:</b> That:
(1) the revised Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) Scheme – January 2021 onwards (Lockdown Support) as set out in Annex 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

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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.