

Individual Member Decision Record



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Decision Maker:	Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
Lead Officers:	Karen Iveson, Chief Finance Officer, (SDC) / June Rothwell, Head of Operational Services
Title of Decision:	Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) Scheme for Businesses affected by local and national lockdowns
Ward(s) Affected:	All
Type of Decision:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key decision <input type="checkbox"/> Non key decision discharging (or connected to the discharge of) an Executive function <input type="checkbox"/> Specific delegation from Council or Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of permission / licence <input type="checkbox"/> Affecting the rights of an individual <input type="checkbox"/> Awarding a contract or incurring expenditure which materially affects the financial position of the Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision under urgency
Details of decision:	<p>The government has recently announced Covid-19 grant support for businesses in further local and national lockdowns. Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme (ARG) will be provided support for businesses who are have been severely impacted by a national or local lockdown and are not eligible for the Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSG).</p> <p>On 31 October 2020 the government announced that England will be entering a national lockdown on 5 November to 2 December 2020.</p> <p>The Council is expected to implement these measures as</p>

	<p>quickly as possible to provide immediate help to businesses.</p> <p>The scheme is being fully funded by the Government and Section 31 grant payments will be made to local authorities. The letter also advised Government would meet the associated new burdens funding to cover the administrative costs of implementation. Selby District Council has been allocated a fixed grant payment of £1,812,400. This is based on a single allocation of £20 per head of population.</p> <p>The Grant Scheme will provide support to businesses severely affected by local and national lockdowns but who are not eligible for the LRSG. The grant is a discretionary grant for businesses that are not covered by the mandatory LRSG. The Council has the discretion to identify which businesses have been severely affected by the lockdown and to alter the funding offer to individual businesses.</p> <p>The Councils scheme is set out in the attached report and Appendix A, The Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) scheme.</p> <p>RESOLVED: As the matter is urgent, and the decision cannot await a full meeting of the Executive due to the need to put in place arrangements as part of the Covid-19 response, the Leader agrees that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Additional Restrictions Grant scheme attached at Appendix A to the report be approved; and (ii) delegated authority be given to the Head of Operational Services to administer the scheme (commencing 16 November 2020), and the Chief Finance Officer be authorised to make technical scheme amendments.
<p>Reason for decision:</p>	<p>To administer the government's Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme to assist businesses severely affected by Covid-19 local and national lockdowns.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Member Interests: (Name</p>	<p>None declared.</p>

<p><i>of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision and details of any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service if appropriate)</i></p>	
<p>Legal, Financial or other implications:</p>	<p>The ARG scheme is being fully funded by the Government through Section 31 grant payments and will be administered by local authorities.</p> <p>Selby District Council has been allocated a fixed grant payment of £1,812,400. This is based on a single allocation of £20 per head of population. This is fixed sum available for 2020/21 and 2021/22. No additional or top up funding will be provided.</p> <p>Fully documented decisions by officers of the grants applied to accounts will be made to ensure all requirements are fulfilled. Local authorities are required to report weekly to central government the numbers and value of grants that have been issued. This report will be submitted using the DELTA system.</p> <p>The decision is within the Budget and Policy Framework therefore there is no requirement to consult the Chair of Policy on this occasion.</p> <p>As the decision is a Key Decision the Chair of Scrutiny has been consulted and agrees that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred and that the decision is genuinely urgent.</p> <p>As the decision is made under urgency powers it is not subject to call-in. The Chief Executive confirms that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and is to be treated as urgent.</p>
<p>Background papers:</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Contact details for further information:</p>	<p>Karen Iveson, Chief Finance Officer (SDC) kiveson@selby.gov.uk</p> <p>June Rothwell, Head of Operational Services jrothwell@selby.gov.uk</p>
<p>Signed:</p>	<p><i>Signature redacted</i></p>

	Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Crane
Date of Decision:	26 November 2020