

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:	Local Restrictions Support Grant Scheme (Closed – from 2 December) and Christmas Support Payment Scheme
Ward(s) Affected:	All
Type of Decision:	<input 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 further Covid-19 grant support for businesses in local and national lockdowns. The new schemes apply when Tier 2 or Tier 3 local restrictions are in place from 2 December 2020 onwards and replace the previous schemes payable during national restrictions. The schemes will provide continued support to businesses which are struggling to survive during restrictions.</p> <p>Two schemes are available, the Local Restrictions Support Grant Scheme (Closed) and the Christmas Support Payment Scheme. The 'closed' scheme was amended from the previous national lockdown scheme to provide support from 2 December</p>

	<p>onwards to those businesses still required to close under local restrictions. Both these grants are payable in periods of Tier 2 or Tier 3 restrictions.</p> <p>The Council is expected to implement these measures as 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.</p> <p>The Councils schemes are set out in the attached report, including Appendix A the Local Restrictions Support Grant Scheme (Closed) scheme, and Appendix B the Christmas Support Scheme.</p> <p>That 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.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Leader agrees that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Local Restrictions Support Grant Scheme (Closed) scheme, attached at Appendix A to the report be approved; (ii) the Christmas Support Scheme attached at Appendix B to the report be approved; and (iii) delegated authority be given to the Head of Operational Services to administer the schemes and that the Chief Finance Officer be authorised to make technical scheme amendments.
<p>Reason for decision:</p>	<p>To administer the government's Local Restrictions Support Grant Scheme (Closed – from 2 December) and Christmas Support Payment Scheme to assist businesses affected by Covid-19 in local and national lockdowns.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>Member Interests: (Name of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision and details of any</p>	<p>None declared.</p>

<i>dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service if appropriate)</i>	
Legal, Financial or other implications:	<p>The LRGG (closed) scheme and Christmas Support Payment Scheme are being fully funded by the Government through Section 31 grant payments and will be administered by local authorities.</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>
Background papers:	None.
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Signed:	<p><i>Signature redacted</i></p> <p>Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Crane</p>
Date of Decision:	18 December 2020