

## Individual Member Decision Record



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<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
<b>Lead Officers:</b>	Karen Iveson, Chief Finance Officer, (SDC) / June Rothwell, Head of Operational Services
<b>Title of Decision:</b>	Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) Scheme amendment, for businesses affected by local and national lockdowns
<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	All
<b>Type of Decision:</b>	<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
<b>Details of decision:</b>	<p>In October 2020 the government announced Covid-19 grant support for businesses in further local and national lockdowns. Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme (ARG) was provided to support businesses who have been severely impacted by a national or local lockdown and are not eligible for the Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB).</p> <p>In January 21 the Government announced a further £500m in ARG funding to support businesses through the second national lockdown. The Council was awarded £805k from this second tranche of funding; increasing the Council's total allocation to £2.6m. To date approximately £2.2m of this</p>

	<p>amount has been paid out in discretionary business support grants.</p> <p>In March 2021 the Government announced that a further £425m ARG funding would be made available to local authorities. however, BEIS, who administer the Business Support and ARG grant schemes, have stated that this allocation will only be paid out if the previous amounts have been contractually committed or spent by 30<sup>th</sup> June. If existing ARG monies cannot be contractually committed by that time, there is a risk that the businesses will lose out on the potential third tranche of ARG funding.</p> <p>The Council is expected to implement measures to provide immediate help to businesses.</p> <p>The Council's ARG Policy has been revised (see attached Appendix A) to include new provisions contained in Section 5 of the Policy.</p> <p>As the decision is a Key Decision the Chair of Scrutiny has been consulted and agreed that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred, and that the decision is genuinely urgent.</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><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p><b>The Leader agreed that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. the Additional Restrictions Grant revised scheme attached at Appendix A to the Report be approved; and</b></li> <li><b>ii. that delegated authority be given to the Head of Operational Services to administer the scheme and the Chief Finance Officer be authorised to make technical scheme amendments.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Reason for decision:</b></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><b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b></p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>

<p><b>Member Interests:</b> <i>(Name 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>None declared.</p>
<p><b>Legal, Financial or other implications:</b></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>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 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><b>Background papers:</b></p>	<p>None.</p>
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<p><b>Signed:</b></p>	<p><b><i>Signature redacted</i></b></p> <p>Leader of the Council, Cllr Mark Crane</p>
<p><b>Date of Decision:</b></p>	<p>15 May 2021</p>