

Record of Officer Decision

Criteria for the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) and Additional Restrictions Grant

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, on 19 November 2020

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

As part of the response to national and local lockdowns due to Covid-19, the Government has provided limited funding to provide financial support to the local economy.

The eligibility criteria for grants from these funds is discretionary and the Local Authority is required to establish a discretionary policy.

Based on the experience of the previous scheme it is possible that there may be further changes to this scheme as and when the Government provide confirmation of funding and reporting requirements.

Decision Taken:

That the Criteria for the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) and Additional Restrictions Grant set out at Appendix 1 to this Record of Decision be approved.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

The Local Authority is required to establish a discretionary policy to provide financial support to the local economy as a result of the impacts of Covid-19. The policy has been developed taking into account the "encouragement" from the Government within the scheme guidance to focus these grants on the businesses most affected by the Covid-19 restrictions, and following consultation with other Councils so as to ensure a consistency within the region.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

Background information about the grants and specific guidance;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-restrictions-support-grants-lrsg-and-additional-restrictions-grant-arg-guidance-for-local-authorities>
[d-additional-restrictions-grant-arg-guidance-for-local-authorities](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-restrictions-support-grants-lrsg-and-additional-restrictions-grant-arg-guidance-for-local-authorities)

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None

Implementation:

This decision will come into force immediately.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: 19 November 2020
Chief Finance Officer