

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21  
Decision No.  
2247

### Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 26 January 2021

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| <b>Portfolio</b>           | Policy & Resources                                                       |
| <b>Subject:</b>            | <b>Local Restrictions Supports Grants (Open) Scheme</b>                  |
| <b>Report of:</b>          | Deputy Chief Executive Officer                                           |
| <b>Corporate Priority:</b> | Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Maintain and extend prosperity |

**Purpose:**

To approve the Local Restrictions Supports Grants (Open) Scheme (LRSG-O) for Fareham Borough Council.

The Council has been allocated funding by the government to be used to implement a Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) Scheme. This scheme will support local businesses severely impacted when the Borough is placed in Tier 2 or Tier 3 restrictions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The local authority has some discretion on how these funds are used.

The report therefore seeks approval for the proposed LRSG-O scheme for this Borough.

**Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) Scheme, attached as Appendix B to the report, is approved for adoption in Fareham; and
- (b) authority is delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, following consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to approve and implement any further Covid-19 support schemes for businesses, which the government requests the Council to deliver, but which have a discretionary element as to who are the recipients of that support, and what support they receive.

Where the Deputy Chief Executive Officer considers it in the best interests of the local economy to deviate significantly from the government guidance on their preferences as to who are the recipients of that support, and what support they receive, the proposed scheme will first be reported to the Executive Committee for decision.

**Reason:**

The proposed LRSG-O scheme attached as Appendix B to the report is in line with the Governments' preferences set out in their guidance documents. The discretionary elements in the scheme seek to maximise the number of businesses in the Borough that will be helped by this funding, without making the application process too burdensome for businesses or too slow to administer. Where possible it matches criteria already being used in the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme.

There may also be future discretionary grant schemes which the Council is required to administer. Delegated authority will allow these schemes to be up and running more quickly and get the money out to businesses who now desperately need it.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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