

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2020/21
Decision No.
2190

Record of Decision by Executive Portfolio for Policy & Resources

Monday, 6 July 2020

Portfolio	Policy and Resources
Subject:	Local Authority Discretionary Grants Awards
Report of:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Maintain and Extend Prosperity A dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

To approve the award of grants under the Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund Scheme for Fareham Borough Council.

On 2nd June 2020, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approved a local scheme for the award of grants to businesses, as part of a wider support package announced by Government for businesses struggling with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The local scheme allows for grants of up to £5,000 to be awarded under delegated authority by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and grants above this amount and up to £10,000 to be awarded by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

The applications for grants under the scheme have been assessed, and are summarized below:-

	No.	Value
Grant paid, value up to £5,000	41	£137,500
Grants proposed, value between £7,500 - £10,000	60	£572,500
Grants proposed, subject to satisfactory evidence being received	12	£77,500
Grants proposed to market traders	22	£55,000
TOTAL GRANTS PAID	135	£842,500
FUNDING ALLOCATED		£1,019,000
Balance available		£176,500

Options Considered:

It is recommended that subject to:-

Acknowledgement that following publication of the report, two businesses previously treated as “pending” have subsequently been paid under delegated powers. A further two businesses have received a grant under the Retail, Leisure and Hospitality scheme and therefore removed from the Discretionary scheme.

One further business has withdrawn its application and therefore removed from the list.

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- (b) the Executive Member for Policy and Resources agrees the schedule of grants exceeding £5,000, totaling £552,500, as set out in Appendix B;
- (c) the Executive Member for Policy and Resources agrees the schedule of grants proposed which are subject to satisfactory evidence or explanations being received, totaling £70,000, as set out in Appendix C;
- (d) the regular traders at the Portchester and/or Fareham markets, as listed in Appendix D, are paid a total grant of £2,500 each in instalments; and
- (e) the balance of funding to be used to award grants of up to £5,000, using the existing scheme details, until the funds are fully utilised.

Decision:

RESOLVED that subject to:-

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Reason:

To enable the Council to pay discretionary grants to businesses, in accordance with Government guidance.

Confirmed as a true record:

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