

**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH  
CALL-IN NOTICE**

## DECISION TAKER:

Cabinet	
Cabinet Member	<b>x</b>
Chief Officer	

DATE OF DECISION: 28.10.2021

ITEM NO AND REPORT TITLE: Covid-19 Business Grant – Top Up Additional Restrictions Grant

## DECISION TO BE CALLED IN:

To undertake a combination of all the suggested proposals set out in section 4.18 to 4.21 until all the funding of £975,294 is spent. An indicative figure has been provided for each item and suggested budgets for each theme are as follows:

ARG, HRG, &amp; SRG - £275,294

High Street Recovery Grant £250,000

Business Resilience Grant £250,000

Business Support Grant £200,000

Total £975,294

## REASON FOR CALL-IN:

In late February, the Council announced and launched the Hospitality Recovery Grant (HRG) making £3 million available to businesses in the hospitality industry.

This report reveals significantly less than that amount was dispersed to businesses in the hospitality industry from Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) funding. Given the many public pronouncements from the Leader regarding the depth and generosity of the fund, we are keen to establish why such a small amount was lent via the HRG, and were the Leader and Cabinet Member aware that the funding available for hospitality businesses would be such a considerable amount less than publicised?

Given the above, we are keen to ensure this decision will correctly target additional funds as well as a fair geographical spread of funding across the Borough, with industries most in need receiving adequate funding.

## ALTERNATIVE DECISION SOUGHT:

Leader of the Council to confirm whether he and the Deputy Leader were aware prior to the announcement of the Hospitality Recovery Grant that the level of funding remaining for the scheme was significantly less than £3 million?

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Council to publish the results of the informal consultation response from discussions with business organisations and businesses.

Council to confirm how many businesses from each town centre / high street within the Borough would be eligible to receive funding for the High Street Recovery Grant.

A commitment from Greenwich Council to provide a report detailing in full how money received from Central Government grant schemes has been dispersed to local businesses, which industries and areas have benefited and to what extent.

Ensure that the process used to decide the allocation of funding is fair, clear and transparent.

To that end, Council will fulfil the above requirements, and in that process look to allocate the below sums to each scheme.

ARG, HRG, & SRG - £275,000  
 High Street Recovery Grant £250,294  
 Business Resilience Grant £250,000  
 Business Support Grant £200,000  
 Total £975,294

If during the process, for any reason it becomes clear that this allocation is wrong, Council reserves the right to redistribute the amounts allocated.

Please indicate how you wish the decision to be considered:

Referred to -

Decision Maker


Overview & Scrutiny Call-In Sub-Committee

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Name: (please print)

Cllr Charlie Davis

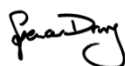
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Cllr Spencer Drury

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