

**South Cambridgeshire District Council
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- a Special Urgency notice has been published under Rule 16 of those Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has agreed the decision is urgent.

Unless permission has been obtained from the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee that this decision may be treated as a matter of urgency under Rule 12.19 of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules, this decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under Rule 7 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules or Rule 12 of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules. Where consent has been obtained to exempt the decision from call-in, this will be specified below.

Lead Cabinet Member	Chief Executive
Subject Matter	Update to National Lockdown Business Support Policy Addendum
Ward(s) Affected	All
Date Taken	Thursday, 4 February 2021
Contact Officer	Adele Gritten, Business Development Team Leader (adele.gritten@scams.gov.uk)
Date Published	Monday, 8 February 2021
Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in	n/a
Key Decision?	No
In Forward Plan?	No
Urgent?	No

Purpose / Background
To approve the update to the National Lockdown Business Support Policy Addendum (Tier 4 and National Lockdown Business Support) which details additional support for businesses impacted by Tier 4 introduced from 26 December 2020, and national lockdown measures introduced from 5 January 2021.
The update details that the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) will be used as a one-off top up to those who already received ARG funding in November, mirroring the process for the provision of top ups that are being provided to closed ratepayers which was already detailed in the policy. It also confirms that the Council reserves the right to close applications for any government business support grant schemes once funding allocations from Central Government are exhausted.
This policy has been developed following guidance from Government and in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Officer for Business Recovery and Skills.

Declaration(s) of Interest

Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.

None.

Dispensation(s)

In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.

None.

Consultation

Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.

Leader, Lead Cabinet Member for Business Recovery, Revenues Manager, Business Development Team Leader

Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection

None. The Council is responding to Central Government direction.

Final decision	Reason(s)
<p>Local authorities are responsible for delivering funding support to eligible businesses in response to measures that have been put in place in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, as detailed within the National Lockdown Business Support Policy.</p> <p>The National Lockdown Business Support Policy Addendum (Tier 4 and National Lockdown Business Support) sets out how SCDC will administer support to businesses covering the period of Tier 4 restrictions introduced in South Cambs from 26 December 2020, and National Lockdown, introduced 05 January 2021. In order to formalise updated arrangements for carrying out this function in line with government guidance, the Chief Executive, in exercise of the emergency delegation in paragraph 4.4 of the Scheme of Delegation in Part 3 of the Constitution, and the emergency delegation approved by the Leader of the Council on 30 March 2020, authorising the Chief Executive to exercise all executive functions, or to authorise specified officers to exercise any such functions, and after consultation with the Leader of the Council:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the updated National Lockdown Business Support Policy Addendum (Tier 4 and National Lockdown Business Support), including details of how grant schemes will be administered to support local businesses impacted by Tier 4 and National Lockdown restrictions 2. Authorises the Chief Finance Office to 	<p>Due to the Covid 19 emergency and the need for the Council to administer these grants in line with Government guidance and to support local businesses impacted by the pandemic and subsequent restrictions.</p>

approve future individual discretionary grants for small businesses, as set out within the policy.	
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Signed	Name (CAPITALS)	Signature	Date
Lead Cabinet Member	Signed copy available upon request from Democratic Services (democratic.services@scams.gov.uk)		
Chief Officer			

Further Information
<p><i>To approve the update to the National Lockdown Business Support Policy Addendum (Tier 4 and National Lockdown Business Support) as detailed within the 'Subject Matter' box above.</i></p> <p><i>This policy has been developed following guidance from Government and in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Officer for Business Recovery and Skills.</i></p>