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318. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Managing Director declared no interests.

319. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT (ARG) SCHEME POLICY (TRANCHE 2)

The Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues, submitted a report to agree a revised Policy for the use and distribution of the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) funding received from government.

This second scheme is aimed at assisting businesses with property related costs which have not been eligible for the government's Local Restrictions Support Grant (closed) scheme, as well as potentially supporting some other businesses that have been severely impacted by the pandemic. The grant monies received are to cover the period up to 31 March 2022.

Under the emergency powers set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution the Managing Director made the decision in consultation with the following Councillors: Cllr Forward, Cllr Batsford, Cllr Chowney, Cllr Evans, Cllr O'Callaghan, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Lee and Cllr Patmore.

RESOLVED:

- 1. The Council's Managing Director in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader, and the lead member for Financial Management and Estates approve the Hastings Additional Restrictions Grant Policy on behalf of the Council under Emergency Powers.**
- 2. The Chief Finance Officer is authorised to make technical amendments and adjustments to the scheme in consultation with the lead member for Financial Management and Estates to ensure available funding is distributed, and that it meets the criteria set by the Council and remains in line with Central Government guidance.**

Reasons:

1. The Council needs to agree a further Additional Restriction Grant scheme (a discretionary grant scheme) as a matter of urgency to support businesses within the Borough.
2. Developing a scheme which has limited levels of funding that cannot be exceeded, requires a degree of delegated authority to make technical

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Managing Director Decision Record

Part 4 of the Council's Constitution Emergency Powers



Date: 23rd February 2021

Item: Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) Scheme

Report by: Peter Grace, Chief Finance Officer

Decision Type: Cabinet

Recommendations:

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Reasons for Recommendations:

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Decision made in consultation with:

Cabinet	For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Forward	X		
Councillor Fitzgerald			
Councillor Barnett			
Councillor Batsford	X		
Councillor Chowney	X		
Councillor Evans	X		
Councillor O'Callaghan	X		
Councillor Rogers	X		
Opposition			
Councillor Lee	X		
Councillor Patmore	X		

Signed



Jane Hartnell
Managing Director
Hastings Borough Council