

# Public Document Pack CABINET

14 JANUARY 2022

## **402. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Managing Director declared no interests.

## **403. OMICRON HOSPITALITY AND LEISURE GRANT POLICY**

On 21 December 2021, the Government announced the introduction of grant support for hospitality and leisure businesses, in recognition that the rise of the Omicron variant means that some businesses are likely to struggle over the coming weeks. The Council, as the Business Rates Billing Authority, is responsible for payment of these Grants.

Hastings Borough Council has now received £1,254,096 and under the scheme, grants of up to £6,000 will be paid to qualifying hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses.

The council therefore needs a policy to determine eligibility criteria to be met. The grants are one off payments and must be paid before the 31 March 2022, hence the need for an urgent decision.

Under the emergency powers set out in Rule 26.22 of the Council's Constitution the Managing Director made the following decision in consultation with Councillors Forward, Barnett, Evans, Rogers, Webb, Patmore and Hilton.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To agree the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant Policy and the expenditure of £1,254,096 grant funding from HMG for the purpose of supporting eligible businesses**

### **Reasons:**

The council needs a policy to determine eligibility criteria.

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# Minute Annex

## Managing Director Decision Notice



In accordance with Rule 26.22 of the Constitution the following decision was made with the emergency powers granted to the Managing Director.

The reasons for the decision are set out in the relevant minutes.

**Item:** Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant Policy

**Assistant Director:** Peter Grace, Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues (Chief Finance Officer)

**Decision Type:** Cabinet

### Decision:

**To agree the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant Policy and the expenditure of £1,254,096 grant funding from HMG for the purpose of supporting eligible businesses.**

### **Decision made in consultation with:**

Cabinet	For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Forward	x		
Councillor Barnett	x		
Councillor Batsford			
Councillor Chowney			
Councillor Evans	x		
Councillor Rogers	x		
Councillor Webb	x		
Opposition			
Councillor Patmore	x		
Councillor Hilton	x		

Signed

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Jane Hartnell  
Managing Director  
Hastings Borough Council