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432. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Managing Director declared no interests.

433. <u>ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT (ARG) SCHEME POLICY (TRANCHE 4 - EXTENDED SCHEME - 2 MARCH 2022)</u>

The purpose of the scheme is to determine eligibility for a payment under the Council's Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme (ARG). The Council, as the Business Rates Billing Authority, is responsible for payment of these Grants.

This policy is being designed as the Government has provided further funds to support businesses that may have been severely impacted by the Omicron variant, including those outside of the business rates system.

Eligibility for this scheme is restricted due to the limited availability of funding.

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, Batsford, Chowney, Hilton, Rogers and Webb.

RESOLVED:

To agree the revised Hastings Additional Restrictions Grants Policy Tranche 4 extended scheme and allocate the remaining £40,205 to those eligible.

Reason:

The council needs a policy to determine eligibility criteria.



Minute Annex B

Managing Director Decision Notice



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

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

Item: Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) Scheme Policy (Tranche 4 – Extended Scheme – 2 March 2022)

Report Author: Peter Grace, Assistant Director, Financial Services and Revenues (Chief Finance

Officer)

Decision Type: Cabinet

Decision:

To agree the revised Hastings Additional Restrictions Grants Policy Tranche 4 extended scheme and allocate the remaining £40,205 to those eligible.

Decision made in consultation with:

Cabinet	For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Forward	X		
Councillor Barnett			
Councillor Batsford	Х		
Councillor Chowney	Х		
Councillor Evans			
Councillor Rogers	х		
Councillor Webb	Х		
Opposition			
Councillor Patmore			
Councillor Hilton	х		



Signed

Jane Hartnell

Managing Director

Hastings Borough Council

