

## **BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **URGENT ACTION - NO SPECIFIC POWERS**

### **ACTION FOR WHICH CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS DELEGATED POWERS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SERIAL NO: BDC-0015**

### **SUBJECT MATTER:**

Additional Restrictions Grant – Omicron Variant

### **MEETING TO WHICH MATTER RELATES:**

Full Council Meeting 25 January 2022.

### **REASON FOR ACTION BEING TAKEN OUT OF MEETING:**

Applications from businesses for this phase of support need to be received to meet the government criteria for dispersal of these grants. All applications must be received, reviewed, decided and paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Since March 2020 the government have provided various grants to support businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Responsibility for dispersing these grants has been given to Local Authorities. The policy (attached) for this phase of funding under the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) is an update to previous versions.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

All grants approved need to be paid out to businesses by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, we will need to provide proof to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) that all monies have been dispersed otherwise we will need to return any unspent monies.

Without approval to launch this scheme immediately Babergh District Council would risk losing £176,955.38 of government funding for businesses within the district.

### **ACTION AUTHORISED:**

Dispersal of government covid grant funding for businesses impacted by rising cases of the Omicron variant in December 2021 and January 2022.

**DATE ACTION AUTHORISED:**

I have been consulted on this matter details of which are given above and have no observations to make.

Signed: .....

Dated: 19 January 2022

Chair of Babergh District Council

I being the duly authorised officer authorise the taking of the action referred to above.

Signed: .....

Dated: 19 January 2022

Chief Executive

*Details reported to Council for noting.*

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- (ii) *If the Chairman is not available within a day to sign the form, please send it to Committee Services who will then arrange the necessary signature.)*