

NOTICE OF DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES on 7 FEBRUARY 2022

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services (S151 Officer) intends to make the following decision on: The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant and Covid 19 Additional Relief Funding (CARF) Policy.

Reasons for Urgency: The above schemes were announced in response to the impacts of the Omicron variant and announced in December 2021. Both schemes were required to be launched by mid February to enable an application window which would maximise applications and reach as many business as possible. The Omicron scheme required all awards to be made by the 18 March and CARF to be made by the 31 March. It was not possible in the time frame to bring these through the normal Council approval process.

Decision maker	Details of Decision	Reasons	Other options considered and rejected	Conflict of interest declared by any Executive member consulted	Contact officer from where the documents can be obtained
Adrian Webb, Director of Finance and Corporate Services	RESOLVED to approve: I. The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant Policy (Appendix C) II. The Covid 19 Additional Relief Funding (CARF) Policy (Appendix B)	Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund 2021/2022 only: the fund will be available to support those businesses affected by the pandemic, but that were ineligible for existing support linked to business rates. The Council has been given a funding of £2,413,406 to allocate to businesses. Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant: the scheme provides a one-off grant to support hospitality, leisure,	None.	N/A	Angela Knight, Assistant Director – Resources aknight@uttlesford.gov.uk

		and accommodation businesses in recognition that the rise of the Omicron variant means that some businesses are likely to struggle over the coming weeks. The grant is payable to businesses occupying rate paying premises and the level of the award is based on rateable value.			
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This decision will come into force immediately.