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Definitions	'Local Restrictions Support Grant Scheme (Closed); 'Local Restrictions Support Grant Scheme (Closed) Addendum	Remove local restrictions support grant scheme (closed) and local restrictions support grant scheme (closed) addendum definitions – no longer applicable.
1.2	This discretionary grant scheme has been developed by the Council in response to an announcement made by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy made on 31 st October 2020 which sets out the basic circumstances whereby an additional restriction grant payment may be made by the Council to a business which has to close or are severely affected due to localised or widespread national restrictions being put in place to manage coronavirus and save lives.	This discretionary grant scheme has been developed by the Council in response to an announcement made by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy made on 31 st October 2020 which sets out the basic circumstances whereby an additional restriction grant payment may be made by the Council to a business which has been severely impacted by the national restrictions that have been put in place to manage coronavirus and save lives.
1.4	The scheme applies where local restrictions are put in place or where a widespread national lockdown is announced.	Remove
1.5	Localised restrictions are legally binding restrictions imposed on specific Local Authority areas or multiple Local Authority areas, where the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care requires the closure of businesses in a local area under regulations made using the powers in Part 2A of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 in response to the threat posed by coronavirus and commonly as part of a wider set of measures.	Remove
1.6		The ARG is a discretionary grant scheme used to support the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • businesses that have been and continue to be severely impacted by the Coronavirus restrictions.

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1.9	Where any area enters either a localised restriction or where a national restriction applies, additional assistance may be given to businesses under the Council’s Local Restrictions Support Grants (Closed) Scheme (as amended)	Remove
2.0, 2.1 & 2.2	<p>2.0 Funding</p> <p>2.1 Under the Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme (ARG) provisions, Local Authorities will receive a one-off lump sum payment amounting to £20 per head.</p> <p>2.2 Once the Council’s area is removed from local restrictions or widespread national restrictions, no additional funding will be received from Government even if either the local restrictions or widespread national restrictions are re-instated.</p>	Remove – 2.0, 2.1 & 2.2
3.2	If Local Authorities use the Additional Restriction Grant for direct business support grants, Government has stated the conditions of grant must apply as for the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Closed) scheme. However, the Council will have the discretion to alter the amount of funding offered to individual businesses and the frequency of payment.	The Council will have the discretion to alter the amount of funding offered to individual businesses and the frequency of payment.

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3.3	<p>Government has stated that the Council <i>may</i> also consider making grants payments to businesses which, while not legally forced to close are nonetheless severely impacted by the restrictions put in place to control the spread of Covid-19. Government has also stated that the Council may also wish to assist business which are outside of the rating system and which are effectively forced to close.</p>	<p>Remove</p> <p>Para 1.5 states that the ARG is for businesses that have been severely impacted by Covid restrictions, and businesses that remain closed or have been severely impacted by the extended restrictions, even if those businesses have been in receipt of Restart Grants</p>
3.4	<p>The Council has agreed the following business sectors will be eligible to apply for ARG grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the hospitality, hotel, Bed and Breakfast and leisure industries; • involved in the supply chains to hospitality, hotel, Bed and Breakfast and leisure businesses; • Involved in the supply chain to businesses forced to close; • Event and event management businesses; and • Other – The Council will use its discretion to consider grant applications from any other small or micro business operating in the Uttlesford area. That is being severely affected by the Coronavirus Local Restrictions. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A business which forms part of the direct supply chain for aviation businesses; • A business which directly organises, facilitates, or performs at organised events; • A business which supplies to organised events; • A business that is not on the rating list that has been forced to close either due to mandatory restrictions or due to the temporary close of 	<p>The Council has agreed the following business sectors will be eligible to apply for ARG grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • travel and tourism sector • event and event management sector including performance and supply chain • wedding sector and supply chain • taxi drivers/operators • aviation sector and supply chain • other – the Council will use its discretion to consider grant applications from any other small or micro business operating in the Uttlesford area that continues to be severely affected by the Coronavirus National Restrictions.

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	<p>their host premises (including non-essential market traders);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A business which can demonstrate a heavy reliance on the ability for people to travel; • Any business which relies on close physical contact (e.g. personal care workers, hair and beauty, driving instructors, taxi drivers etc); and • Limited company directors, financially impacted by Covid-19 who are not located in rateable premises and who cannot furlough themselves and continue to work to save their business 	
3.5	<p>For the purpose of this scheme the Council has decided that any of the above businesses must meet the following eligibility criteria, at the effective date, in order to receive an Additional Restriction Grant</p> <p>(a) The business must be a Micro or Small business, as defined in Section 33 Part 2 of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and the Companies Act 2006;</p> <p>(b) Business must have ongoing business related costs which are unavoidable; The Council has determined that as part of the application process the business may be required to provide evidence of these costs</p> <p>(c) Businesses must demonstrate that they have suffered a significant fall in income due to the COVID-19 crisis; - the Council has determined that businesses certify there has been</p>	<p>For the purpose of this scheme the Council has decided that any of the above businesses must meet the following eligibility criteria, at the effective date, in order to receive an Additional Restriction Grant:</p> <p>(a) The business must be a Micro, Small or Medium (SME) business, as defined in Section 33 Part 2 of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and Sections 382 and 465 of the Companies Act 2006;</p> <p>(b) has relatively high ongoing, fixed business related costs e.g. business premises and/or equipment costs (excluding staffing costs) critical to the continued operation of the business, which are unavoidable. The Council has determined that as part of the application process, the business is required to provide evidence of these costs; and</p> <p>(c) businesses must demonstrate that they continue to suffer a significant fall in income due to the COVID-19 crisis; - the Council has</p>

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	<p>a significant fall in income due to the implantation of restrictions. Businesses may be required to provided evidence to the Council of their income and the Council must be sure that the fall in income is due to the COVID-19 crisis and not a general failure of business.</p>	<p>determined that businesses certify there has been a 50% fall in income due to the implementation of restrictions. Business will be required to provide evidence to the Council of their income and the Council must be sure that the fall in income is due to the COVID-19 crisis and not a general failure of business.</p>
3.6	<p>The Council has decided the following grant award levels will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Up to £10,000 in exceptional cases where the business has high property costs, and the failure of the business would have a significant impact on the residents of the District; (b) Up to £2,000 where businesses were forced to close and are scheduled to re-open on 12th April 2021; (c) Up to £3,000 where businesses were not forced to close but were severely impacted by Government restrictions; (d) Up to £3,000 where businesses were forced to close and are only allowed to partly re-open on 12th April 2021; (e) Up to £1,000 for taxis drivers with a UDC issued licence and a residential address within Uttlesford district; (f) Up to £2,000 for taxi operators with a business address within Uttlesford district; and (g) Up to £500 for non-essential market traders who normally trade at either Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow or Thaxted markets. 	<p>Award levels will be based on each individual businesses circumstances, taking into consideration the evidence submitted which must show that following the lifting of Government restrictions on May 17th 2021, your business continues to be severely impacted.</p> <p>Other considerations taken into account, will be;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no. of employees - amount of business grant funding already received (from any coronavirus business support grant scheme) - ongoing and unavoidable business related costs <p>Awards of up to £3,000 may be made, or up to £10,000 where the business has high property costs and its failure would have a significant impact on residents of the District. Exceptions may be considered but awards are intended not to compensate businesses for losses. They are intended to encourage businesses to continue to invest themselves to secure their survival.</p> <p><i>(b) and (d) to (g) no longer apply as these were the sectors that were being impacted by the restrictions in place at that time. With restrictions being lifted for most sectors the respective caps are no longer relevant.</i></p>

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3.7	<p>In addition, the following sectors will also receive a supplementary business restart grant.</p> <p>(a) Up to £2,000 to all eligible businesses in the following sectors and in the supplychains to those sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-essential retail • Personal care <p>(b) Up to £5,000 to all eligible businesses in the following sectors and in the supplychains to those sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gyms and sports • Leisure • Accommodation • Hospitality <p>(c) Up to £500 to be all eligible businesses in the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non- essential market traders who regularly trade in Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow or Thaxted weekly markets- £500 	<p>Removed - the Coronavirus Restart Grant which has now closed. The previous ARG policy (April 2021) was to target those businesses that were not eligible for the Restart Grant. However, Government recently announced that the ARG is the only business support grant in place and can now be awarded to those that continue to be severely impacted by the extended restrictions that were in place, even if they have been in receipt of the Restart Grant.</p>
3.8	<p>(a) Businesses in areas outside the scope of the localised restrictions, as defined by Government and those that were not subject to widespread national restrictions;</p> <p>(b) These will include businesses in the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, forestry or fishing • Mining or quarrying 	<p>(a) Businesses in areas that were outside the scope of the localised restrictions, as defined by Government and those that were not subject to widespread national restrictions;</p> <p>(b) These will include businesses in the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, forestry or fishing • Mining or quarrying

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity, gas steam and air-conditioning supply • Water supply or sewerage • Financial and insurance services • Information and communication services • Real estate activities • Education or social work activities • Businesses primarily operating in manufacturing will only be eligible where it is demonstrated that supplying aviation, hospitality, leisure or accommodation businesses provides a significant proportion of their overall revenue; • Businesses primarily operating in construction will only be eligible where it is demonstrated that supplying aviation, hospitality, leisure or accommodation businesses provides a significant proportion of their overall revenue; • Newly self-employed will only be eligible where they have not been able to receive support from the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS); <p>(c) Businesses which have already received grant payments that equal the maximum subsidy levels (previously) State aid permitted under the de Minimis and COVID-19 Temporary State Framework); and</p> <p>(d) Businesses that were in administration, are insolvent or where a striking-off notice has been made at the date of the widespread national restrictions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity, gas steam and air-conditioning supply • Water supply or sewerage • Financial and insurance services • Information and communication services • Professional services • Recruitment consultants • Real estate activities • Education or social work activities • Manufacturing or construction • Medical services <p>(c) Businesses which have already received grant payments that equal the maximum subsidy levels (previously) State aid permitted under the de Minimis and COVID-19 Temporary State Framework); and</p> <p>(d) Businesses that were in administration, are insolvent or where a striking-off notice has been made at the date of the widespread national restrictions.</p>
3.9	Businesses must have been trading on the first full day of national or local restrictions to be eligible for grant support. Businesses must have been set up and trading on or before 5th January 2021 to be eligible for Additional Restrictions Grant	All businesses that are trading and meet other eligibility criteria may apply to receive funding under this scheme. Businesses must have been trading since 1 st April 2021 in order to qualify for grant funding.
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	Where there is no entry in the rating list for the business, the Council will have discretion to determine who should receive the grant.	Remove – already included in 3.14
4.1	The Council is fully aware of the importance of these grants to assist businesses and support the local community and economy. The Council's Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) scheme together with the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) and (Closed) will offer a lifeline to businesses who are struggling to survive during the COVID-19 crisis.	The Council is fully aware of the importance of these grants to assist businesses and support the local community and economy. The Council's Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) scheme will offer a lifeline to businesses who are struggling to survive due to the COVID-19 crisis
4.3	In all cases, businesses will be required to confirm that they are eligible to receive the grants. This includes circumstances where the Council already has bank details for the business and are in a position to send out funding immediately. Businesses are under an obligation to notify the Council should they no longer meet the eligibility criteria for any additional grants.	Remove
7.1	Applications will be considered on behalf of the Council by the Revenues and Benefits Service.	Applications will be considered on behalf of the Council by the Economic Development Team.