

Business Grant update

Business newsletter (22 December 2021)

The Government has announced an additional £1 billion in support for businesses, recognising that the rise of the Omicron variant means some businesses are likely to struggle over the coming weeks. The grants were announced on 21 December 2021 and we will provide guidance to businesses early in the New Year about how they can access these funds.

Covid-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) 2021/22

The Government has recently announced a discretionary business relief rate relief scheme designed to support those businesses affected by the pandemic who are ineligible for the current Extended Retail Discount. The Council is developing a scheme through which to start delivering the £2.6million relief funds it has been allocated. More details will be provided in the New Year.

Further support for the hospitality sector

One-off grants of up to £6,000 per premises will be available for businesses in the hospitality and leisure sectors in England, however the exact details of this scheme and how the funding will allocated have not been published yet.

Recognising that many businesses in the hospitality sector, along with their suppliers and the leisure, personal care and travel sectors, may be facing difficulties in the pre-Christmas period due to concerns about the spread of the Omicron variant, the Council is looking to develop a further grant scheme to support those affected most severely impacted.

What do I need to do to claim these new grants?

If you have already made a claim for a previous grant, we will contact you if we believe that you are entitled to any of these new grants or reliefs. We will also update our website when more information becomes available.

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