



URGENT DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

PRESENT

OFFICERS Alison McEwan - Democracy Officer

1. Local Authority Discretionary Business Grant Scheme Proposed Amendments to the Scheme Criteria
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Purpose The purpose of this report is to request approval to the proposed changes to the Local Authority Discretionary Business Grant scheme criteria as approved on 21st May 2020, subsequently amended 1st June 2020 using the Chief Executive urgency powers under Part 3 of the Constitution (Executive Functions).

Reason For Decision

1. A letter received from the Secretary of State dated 23rd July 2020 setting out that all three grant schemes, Small Business Grant, Retail, Hospitality & Leisure and Discretionary Grant Scheme are to close by Friday 28th August 2020.
2. £708,638 of the Discretionary allocation remains and we wish to support as many businesses as possible before the scheme closes.

Decision That the Chief Executive in exercise of his urgency powers under Part 3 of the Constitution (Executive Functions):

1. The raising of the Rateable Value threshold from £51k to £100K within the local discretionary element of the Burnley Discretionary Grant Scheme,
2. Within the Businesses in shared offices, workspaces and premises element of the scheme to an increase in the eligible number of monthly rental payments from 3 months to 4 months for businesses who were unable to re-open on either 1st of June or 15th June.
3. The removal of the right of appeal set out in the criteria in respect of any new applications on the basis that the scheme is being closed.

The decision is urgent in order to be able to meet the Government requirement and is therefore not subject to call-in in accordance with Part 4.5 of the constitution.

Decision made by: Chief Executive

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