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Addendum to the Elmbridge Discretionary Re-Opening Business Grant Scheme (Additional Restrictions Support Grant)

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1. Background

- 1.1 On the 14 June the government announced a delay in stage 4 of the roadmap to the 19 July 2021.
- 1.2 On the 16 June the government published an amended version of the Additional Restriction Support Grant Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-restrictions-support-grants-lrsg-and-additional-restrictions-grant-arg-guidance-for-local-authorities> .

- 1.3 The main change in the guidance issued on the 16 June is in section 28 which now states:

Local Authorities are encouraged to support businesses from all sectors that may have been severely impacted by restrictions but are not eligible for the Restart Grant scheme, including those outside of the business rates system. Following the decision to delay stage 4 of the roadmap, Local Authorities are also encouraged to focus their support on those sectors that remain closed or are severely impacted by the extended restrictions, even if those businesses have already been in receipt of Restart Grants. There is no restriction on the number of grants a business may receive. This may include but is not limited to the travel and tourism sector, including group travel, travel agents and tour operators, wedding industries, nightclubs, theatres, events industries, wholesalers, English language schools, breweries, freelance and mobile businesses (including caterers, events, hair, beauty and wedding related businesses), and other businesses that may have not received other grant funding. This list is not directive nor exhaustive, and Local Authorities should continue to issue grants at their discretion, based on local economic needs.

2. Funding

- 2.1 The government have indicated that no additional funding will be available (as at 21 June), and that Councils should use any remaining funding from the Additional Restrictions Support Grant to provide additional funding to those businesses which are impacted by the delay in stage 4 of the roadmap as set out in para 1.3 above.

2.2 The Council is forecasting that it will have £400,000 of government funding remaining from the scheme published in May 2021 for the use of the Additional Restrictions Support Grant funding.

2.3 In order to ensure that the grants made to business will not exceed the funding made available, the Scheme published in May closed on 30 June 2021.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Based on the government advice the Businesses who are eligible for the additional payments is at the discretion of the Council

3.2 The following business types are eligible for “top” up grants payments if they have successfully received a Restart or Re-Opening business grant.

Travel and Tourism	Travel Agents and Tour Operators
Wedding Industry	Nightclubs that have been continuously closed since early 2020
Theatres	Events Industry
Wholesalers	English Language Schools
Breweries	Mobile and Freelance Businesses who are not business ratepayers (in the following business areas; caterers, events, hair, beauty and wedding related)
Any business who is the direct supply chain of the businesses set out above where they generate more than 50% of their revenues from that supply chain.	

4. Allocation of Remaining Funding

4.1 In order to allocate the remaining funding as quickly and as efficiently as possible grants will be paid to business based on the grant they received either for a Restart Grant or on the basis of the funding that they received from the May 2020 Elmbridge Discretionary Re-Opening Business Grant Scheme (Additional Restrictions Support Grant).

4.2 No new grant applications will be considered.

- 4.3 Grants will be paid to businesses based on the payment they received for the Restart Grants or the Re-opening discretionary scheme as follows:

Last Grant Paid	Ratepayers	Other
18,000	10,000	5,000
12,500	8,000	4,000
12,000	6,000	3,000
8,000	5,200	2,600
7,500	5,000	2,500
6,000	4,000	2,000
4,000	3,000	1,500
2,667	2,700	1,350
2,250	2,500	1,250
1,000	1,000	500
500	Nil	Nil

- 4.4 The grants for a business ratepayer are double the grants for non-business rate payers to reflect the additional fixed costs associated with a business ratepayer.
- 4.5 Additional information and reassurance may be required before these grants can be paid, however the terms and conditions applying to these grants will not change or be amended from any previous terms that applied under the restart grant scheme and Elmbridge discretionary reopening scheme respectively.
- 4.6 The Council anticipates that based on the current numbers of eligible recipients that, except for a small contingency, all the funding available will be utilised.
- 4.7 The Council reserves the right to adjust the Addendum Grant where the eligible businesses are oversubscribed given the available funding. Once funding has been exhausted no further grants will be payable under any circumstances without additional funding being allocated by central government.
- 4.8 The Council reserves the right to refuse a grant under the addendum grant scheme if it does not meet the spirit of the government guidance or this published scheme.

5. Payment

- 5.1 For those businesses which have already received their restart or reopening grant payment will be made on the 9 July 2021.

- 5.2 For any business which is in the process of assessment and verification, payment will be made at the same time as the restart or reopening grant.
- 5.3 All business must still meet the requirements of the restart or reopening grant. A business who no longer meets the conditions of the grant, must inform the Council of the change in circumstances and the funding returned.
- 5.4 No payments will be made under this scheme after 31 July 2021.