

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL  
OFFICER DECISION NOTICE AND RECORD  
(PUBLISHED)**

**1. DECISION TAKEN**

To approve the decisions for the Start-Up Grant and the recommendations made by the Head of Service for the Additional Restrictions Grant - Covid-19 Discretionary Grants.


<b>EXECUTIVE</b>	✓	<b>NON-EXECUTIVE</b>		(Please tick either)	
<b>IS THIS A 'KEY DECISION' ? (see definition overleaf)</b>				Yes ✓	No
<b>DOES THIS DECISION RELATE TO EXEMPT INFORMATION?</b>				Yes	No ✓
<b>EXEMPT PARAGRAPH REFERENCE (NOT TO BE PUBLISHED)</b>					

<b>2. OFFICER DECISION TAKER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	Helen Manderson
	<b>POSITION/POST</b>	Director: Business Development
	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	
	<b>DATE</b>	25.10.21.....

<b>3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION (Please ref to any report/minute/background documents attached)</b>	To approve the recommendations of the Head of Service to enable grant offers or refusal letters to be made to the businesses that have applied for funding through the Additional Restrictions Grants.
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<b>4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED (BY DECISION TAKER(S))</b>	N/A
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*TO BE COMPLETED BELOW - ONLY WHEN A DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION REQUIRES PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH A MEMBER (LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, CABINET MEMBER/CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 'SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS' OR DECISION/MINUTE OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OR DECISION/MINUTE OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER.*

<b>5. DECISION REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBER</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	.....Cllr R Waltham.....
	<b>POSITION</b>	Leader of the Council
	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	
	<b>DATE</b>	8 November 2021

<b>6. ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER (S) CONSULTED, WHICH RELATES TO THE DECISION, OR (NON-EXECUTIVE) – ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE THAT DELEGATED THE</b>	
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DECISION TAKEN	
<p>7. WITH REFERENCE TO 6. ABOVE - HAS ANY DISPENSATION BEEN GRANTED TO THE EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER? (ONLY APPLIES TO EXECUTIVE)</p>	

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH ANY ACCOMPANYING REPORT.**

**WHEN COMPLETE, PLEASE SEND TO SERVICE MANAGER: DEMOCRACY FOR PUBLISHING.**

**(The definitions of a key decision** are when an **executive** decision is likely -

(i) to result in the Council incurring expenditure or the making of savings (including the receipt or loss of income) over £350,000 in any one financial year; or

(ii) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority).

Key decisions taken by officers are subject to the Council's 'call-in' procedures, unless taken under 'special urgency' grounds, and as such officers should allow two clear days from the date of publication of the Officer Decision Record before implementation.

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Director: Business Development**

**Additional Restrictions Grant - Covid-19 Discretionary Grants**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To approve the recommendations made by the Head of Service for the Additional Restrictions Grant - Covid-19 Discretionary Grants.
- 1.2 The decision is urgent to be able to advise companies on the outcome of their grant application and to progress with their scheme.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 North Lincolnshire Council is in receipt of Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) monies which have been made available to support businesses that have been disrupted during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2.2 Three new discretionary grant schemes were launched to support affected businesses either to start up or invest to diversify or grow. The three schemes are:
  - Business Start-Up Grant
  - Covid-19 Renew Fund
  - Business Diversification Grant
- 2.3 Each grant scheme has a specific focus. The start up grant is designed to help individuals who have decided to start up a new business following either a change in circumstances or being made redundant. The Covid-19 Renew Fund is to support businesses that are looking to invest to grow. The Business Diversification Grant supports businesses that are looking to diversify their offer to improve the long term viability of their business.
- 2.4 The schemes have been established following an existing framework to ensure transparency, accountability and assurance.
- 2.5 The Start-up grants are low scale funds (not exceeding £1,000) and delegated approval is in place to process these quickly using the

framework in place. Details of those approved through delegated decisions are provided in section 3 below.

### 3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 – To endorse the Start Up Grants awarded and approve the recommended grants for the Covid Renew Fund and Business Diversification Grant as follows:

#### Start Up Grant

AG Landscaping	£998.43
Adam and Zain	£1,000.00
Agnieszka Fisher T/A Fashion and Look	£1,000.00
Automation Made Simple Ltd	£1,000.00
Beauty by Morgan	£1,000.00
California Collection Limited	£1,000.00
Dial-a-Fakeaway	£990.00
Doughnut Dreams	£1,000.00
Durdy & Co Limited	£1,000.00
EFC Scunthorpe Limited	£1,000.00
Enrich Tuition Ltd	£1,000.00
Epworth Cookery School	£1,000.00
Halina Foods	£1,000.00
House of Stoves	£1,000.00
Isle Cat Rescue	£1,000.00
JC Quadrrunners	£1,000.00
Shabbas	£1,000.00
Jarojos Desserts and Shakes	£1,000.00
JW Medical Management	£1,000.00
Laura Meda Photographs	£1,000.00
Beauty Within	£1,000.00
Messingham Sands Fishery	£1,000.00
North Lincolnshire Motorcycles	£991.00
North Lincolnshire Community Fitness	£1,000.00
One to One Care Companion	£915.00
Shampooch	£1,000.00
Susans Craft Club	£896.00
The Mortgage Space	£1,000.00
Well Fit	£1,000.00

#### Covid Renew Fund:

Crowle Wharf Engineering	£33,000
Cutts Transport Limited	£2,452
Grass Care Services	£14,000
Jotun Paints (Europe)	£70,000
Osprey Furniture Limited	£9,000

Rocal Extrusions Limited	£42,000
Rocal Insulating Panels	£105,000
Sentex Trading Limited	£19,000
Vertical UK Limited	£18,000

Diversification Grant:

LMH Enterprises Limited	£84,000
Walcott Hall	£31,287

- 3.2 Option 2 – To not approve the proposed recommendations and rejections outlined in Appendix 1.

**4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 Option 1 – Each application has been fully assessed by a case officer in terms of eligibility and meeting the criteria. Due diligence has been undertaken on the applicants. An assessment report has been produced for the Head of Service to a make recommendation.
- 4.2 Those that have been rejected have been advised of alternative support and the reason(s) for the decision. By approving the recommended applications the Council will be able to defray the ARG monies through an appropriate and transparent process to businesses affected by Covid-19 for the purpose the monies were provided.
- 4.3 Option 2 – If the grant recommendations are not approved the ARG monies will remain unspent and North Lincolnshire businesses will not benefit from this support fund.

**5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

- 5.1 The funding has been received by North Lincolnshire Council and will need to be returned to the funder if not defrayed to businesses.

**6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

- 6.1 Not applicable.

**7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

- 7.1 A full integrated impact assessment is not required.

**8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 Discussions with local authority colleagues and funding partner representatives raised no issues. No formal consultation has been undertaken. Although the grant monies are discretionary they will be distributed following the funder's guidance provided.

## 9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That option 1 be approved and that the decisions and recommendations for approval or rejection be accepted, as indicated in Appendix 1.

### HEAD OF ECONOMY AND GROWTH

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –**  
Individual grant application papers