



Portfolio Holder Decision Notice

Title of decision:	Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund, (LADGF) – COVID-19 Support for Local Businesses
Name of Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources
Name of Lead Officer	James Deane, Corporate Director - Finance and Operations
Proposed date of Decision to be made:	19 June 2020

If part 2, the reason:

Decision:

As part of its response to the disruption caused by COVID-19, Central Government has announced funding and outline guidance for the distribution of a Local Authority Discretionary Grant Fund scheme (LADGF). A national fund of £617m has been distributed among local authorities.

Local authorities are responsible for delivering grants to eligible businesses and have discretion over the design and implementation of their local scheme. However, Government has stipulated some national criteria for the scheme, and stated that the fund is aimed at small and micro businesses that are ineligible for the Small Business Grant Fund or the Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund.

Applications for funding under Phase 1 of the DBC Discretionary Grant Fund were invited for a two-week period from 8 June 2020. In line with the original Portfolio Holder Decision published on 3 June, (<http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/council-democracy/portfolio-holder-decisions/decisions-2020>) a second phase of funding is now proposed to award the remaining funds.