



## Portfolio Holder Decision Notice

Title of decision:	Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open) - COVID-19 Support for Local Businesses
Name of Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure
Name of Lead Officer	Nigel Howcutt, Assistant Director - Finance and Resources
Proposed date of Decision to be made:	5 January 2021

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 the Local Restrictions Support Grant (Open). These grants are paid to businesses that are open but impacted in the way they can trade by the various tier restrictions.

Local authorities are responsible for delivering grants to businesses and have discretion over the design and implementation of their local scheme. The LRSG (Open) funding for local authorities, has been calculated based on data supplied by the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) with allocations made for all properties registered as hospitality, accommodation and leisure.

This discretionary scheme sits alongside support for businesses which are ordered to close, which is the LRSG (Closed) scheme. Payments for closed businesses are fixed by Central Government, and will be fully funded by them.

Dacorum will receive £351k as a tier 2 authority for the period 2<sup>nd</sup> December to the 19<sup>th</sup> December when the authority moved in to tier 4 and future grant awards will be announced.