
NON-EXEMPT

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

12 April 2022

REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TASK & FINISH PANEL ON THE COUNCIL'S BUSINESS GRANTS SUPPORT DURING COVID 19 LOCKDOWN 2020/201 & 2021/22

Scrutiny Lead: Councillor Lloyd

Key Decision: No

Report Number: HBC/448/2022

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the recommendations of the overview and scrutiny task force, which reviewed the Council's response to C19 regarding the disbursement of government funds to businesses as grants.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the recommendations set out in the task and finish force's report (Appendix A) be agreed.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The task and finish panel (panel) was appointed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the Council's response to C19 regarding the disbursement of government funds to businesses as grants. The findings and recommendations of the panel are attached at Appendix A.

4. Additional Budgetary Implications

- 4.1 None arising from this report

5. Background and relationship to Corporate Strategy and/or Business Plans

- 5.1 The support provided during the pandemic to local business highlighted the key role the Council can play in helping business in the Borough. The pandemic also tested how the Council responds to changes in demand and the way it has to deliver new services to meet the changing needs of businesses and residents.

6.0 Options considered

6.1 Not Applicable

7.0 Resource Implications

7.1 Financial Implications: As set out in 4.1 above.

Section 151 Officer comments

None Received

7.2 Human Resources Implications:

None arising from this report

7.2 Information Governance Implications:

Head of Service Comments

None

Other resource implications:

None

8.0 Legal Implications

None arising from this report

Monitoring Officer comments

The Monitoring Officer has no comments.

Mark Watkins

Date: 4 April 2022

9.0 Risks

Not applicable

10.0 Consultation

10.1 Cabinet Lead(s) comments

None Received

11.0 Communication

11.1 N/A.

12.0 Appendices

Appendix A – Panel’s Report

13.0 Background Papers

N/A

Agreed and signed off by:

Deputy Monitoring Officer:

Section 151 Officer:

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