

**Written response to:** Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

**Resolution:** That the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources provide the Panel with the following information:

- Up to date figures on the number of applicants for the Christmas support payments for wet led pubs and details of the promotion for the scheme.

**Written response from:** Corporate Director of Finance and Resources

**Response:** Applications for support received from wet-led pubs have been considered and processed. 56 grants have been paid at the fixed amount of £1,000.00 per eligible pub, resulting in £56,000 being paid since December 2020.

To be eligible to qualify under the support scheme, pubs had to meet the following criteria:

- be based in England,
- derive less than 50% of sales from food,
- be in an area subject to Tier 2 or Tier 3 local restrictions since 2 December 2020 and
- be established as a pub, trading before 1 December 2020.

An on-line application process was provided for affected businesses to apply, within the scheme publicity in the Business Support section of the Council website.

In addition, 75 potentially eligible pubs were identified from the business rates system and written to in mid-January 2021 to encourage the take-up of support.

The national scheme closed to applications on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and payments for the 56 approved applications were processed by the payment deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021