

# **Warwick District Council**

## **Addendum 1 to Covid-19 Additional Restrictions Grant Policy (discretionary payment scheme)**

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**This addendum to Warwick District Council's Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme (ARG) policy sets out a second strand ("Part C") of financial support for leisure and hospitality businesses.**

1. On 2 December 2020, COVID-19 Tier 3 (LCAL 3) restrictions will apply to Warwickshire.
2. Part C is a grant payment scheme which is eligible, exclusively, for rated leisure and hospitality businesses, that are mandated to close under COVID-19 LCAL 3 restrictions or those businesses that have been nationally mandated to close since 23 March 2020.
3. An online application, for Part C of this scheme, will be available on Warwick District Council's (WDC) website from the morning of Friday 4 December 2020. This application window will remain open until midnight Monday 20 December 2020.
4. Part C will provide eligible rated businesses a one-off grant payment of £2,000.
5. An integral element of Part C, will be that eligible rated businesses will, in addition, qualify for a grant under the LRSG (closed) or LRSG (sector). Correspondingly, Part C applications will be accepted per hereditament and will not be limited to one per business.
6. The LRSG (closed) scheme provides eligible businesses a grant payment, in 14-day tranches, for the period that local restrictions apply, providing that this is not less than 14-days. The LRSG (sector) scheme provides eligible businesses with a payment, in 14-day tranches from 1 November 2020.
7. Part C eligibility criteria: -
  - a. Businesses **must** be eligible for LRSG (closed) or LRSG (sector) grant payment schemes.
  - b. Businesses **must** be Warwick District Council business rate payers.
8. Some, but not all, exclusions to the LRSG (closed) scheme, will naturally apply to Part C. These are: -
  - a. Businesses that are able to continue to trade because they do not depend on providing direct in-person services from premises.
  - b. Businesses in areas outside the scope of the localised restrictions, as defined by Government.
  - c. Businesses that have chosen to close but have **not** been mandated to do so.

9. There are two exceptions, to the exclusions associated with the LRSG (closed), these are: -
  - a. Businesses are **not** required to have been closed for a full 14-days from 2 December 2020. A principle of Part C, is to award one-off grant payments, irrespective to the term that LCAL 3 is applicable.
  - b. Businesses that are subject to national mandated closures since 23 March 2020 and are in receipt of LRSG (sector) payments, are eligible under Part C.
10. For the avoidance of doubt, businesses which have already received grant payments that equal the maximum levels of State Aid permitted under the de minimus rules and the COVID-19 Temporary State Aid Framework are not eligible under this scheme – see point 8 of the ARG policy.
11. For the avoidance of doubt, businesses that are in administration, insolvent or where a striking-off notice has been made are not eligible under this scheme.

