Request 7129 – Finance, business rates and grants (COVID-19)

(SCDC) COVID-19 Business Rates and Grants

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(e.g automatic payments, businesses notified via letter and asked to apply via link, email notification and link etc.)
2. When were businesses first notified by the council that they may be eligible to apply?
3. What is the payment turnaround time from receipt of application?
4. Is there a staggered process for making payments, and what is the process? (e.g do you deal with first 1000 applications in a block and pay them by a certain date, before moving onto the next 1000 applications etc.)
5. How many businesses within your council jurisdiction are eligible for the grant?
6. How many applications have been received as of April 17 2020?
7. How many applications have been rejected as of April 17 2020?
8. How many businesses have been paid as of April 17 2020?

Response

1. What is the council's process for communicating with eligible businesses and handling applications?
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Eligible businesses are identified using the Council's systems, and then invited to apply, either via email or by letter

2. When were businesses first notified by the council that they may be eligible to apply?
3rd April 2020

3. What is the payment turnaround time from receipt of application?
24 – 48 Hours

4. Is there a staggered process for making payments, and what is the process? (e.g do you deal with first 1000 applications in a block and pay them by a certain date,

before moving onto the next 1000 applications etc.)
No, applications are processed upon receipt and payments made once validated.

5. How many businesses within your council jurisdiction are eligible for the grant?
1676 – Small Business Grant Scheme only

6. How many applications have been received as of April 17 2020?
374

7. How many applications have been rejected as of April 17 2020?
Information not held

8. How many businesses have been paid as of April 17 2020?
374 paid at 19th April 2020