Request 7248- Finance, small business grants – Covid-19

(SCDC) Small business grants

- The name and address of each business that has received funds from South Cambridgeshire under both the Small Business Grants Fund and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Grants Fund
- The amount paid to each of those businesses from those two funds
- The date on which payments were made

Response

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We have reviewed this part of your request and consider the release of this level of detail as regards businesses in this unprecedented situation could have a substantial negative impact on those businesses and their commercial activity, therefore we consider that exemption Section 43(2) of the Act applies, in that 'information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).'

We are obliged to consider the public interest in applying this exemption, and given the impact on owners, employees, and businesses themselves that are being affected by this very difficult situation, we believe the public interest remains in currently upholding the exemption, and therefore are unable to supply this detail at the current time.

The amount paid to each of those businesses from those two funds

Small Business Grant Fund, 1552 of £10,000

Retail, Hospitality, Leisure Grants 2A – 182 grants of £10,000

Retail, Hospitality, Leisure Grants 2B – 224 grants of £25,000

TOTAL GRANTS PAID 1958

• The date on which payments were made can be found on the <u>Government grant</u> <u>funding pages</u>