



## **Special Urgent Decision Taken by Chief Executive**

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**Decision:** Approval for adoption of Additional Restrictions Grant policy 2022

**Decision taker:** Chief Executive

**Decision Date:** 25 January 2022

**Is decision subject to Call-in?** No

**Deadline for Call-in:** No

**Is decision exempt?** No

**Is decision urgent?** Yes

### **Summary**

The deadline for disbursing the Government's third round of Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) funding (for which updated guidance was issued on 30 December 2021), is 31 March 2022. A new Additional Restrictions Grant policy therefore had to be determined and approved under urgency provisions in order to administer a new discretionary grant scheme for businesses within the timescale specified by Government.

### **Decision**

The Chief Executive gave approval for adoption of the Additional Restrictions Grant policy 2022.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That Revenues and Benefits could proceed with the launch and administration of a new Additional Restrictions Grant scheme in line with the Additional Restrictions policy 2022 approved by the Chief Executive.

### **Reasons for Decision**

As outlined above, under Summary.

## **Alternative Options Considered**

The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Non-adoption of the policy developed and proposed – this option was rejected because it would have run counter to the Government’s guidance to use the third round of the Additional Restrictions Grant funding to support businesses severely impacted by the Omicron variant. The policy therefore includes business sectors which were not eligible to receive a mandatory Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant.

## **Conflicts of Interest Declared and Dispensations Granted by Head of Paid Service**

None

## **Attachments**

Additional Restrictions Grant policy 2022

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