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Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant

Dear Coventry Business,

Shortly before Christmas the Government announced additional support for businesses in the hospitality and leisure sectors that were being impacted by the rapid spread of the Omicron strain of Coronavirus. Local Authorities are asked to distribute this grant on behalf of Government.

The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant is a one off payment for businesses occupying a rateable property and eligible businesses will receive grants as follows:

rateable value	Grant amount (£)
<£15,001	2667
£15,001 - £51,000	4000
£51,000>	6000

The Government, through the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), have set out the types of businesses that are eligible to apply for the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant and the list is included at the end of this letter.

Importantly, **BEIS require Local Authorities to conduct an application process** for this grant and the Council is not therefore able to make proactive awards based on previous applications. The application form is available to complete at <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/coronavirusadvicebusinesses#businessgrants>. We are also required to make pre-payment checks on all successful applicants – the speed of these checks are outside of the Council’s control and this can delay the issue of payments.

We aim to make grant payments within 20 days of receiving an application but I would ask for your help to ensure we get the money to eligible businesses as quickly as possible. Please only submit an application form if you operate within an eligible sector (as detailed below) and meet all of the eligibility criteria detailed as part of the application process. Please complete the form accurately. Applications from ineligible businesses and incorrectly completed application forms will delay payments to eligible



businesses. Please only contact us if it is absolutely necessary – time spent answering telephone calls and responding to emails reduces our available capacity to process grant payments.

Thank you in advance for your help and we will endeavour to get much needed support to you as quickly as possible.

BEIS require the application process to close on 28 February 2022 and we must pay all grants by 31 March 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Barrie Strain
Head of Revenues and Benefits



Eligible business sectors

Threshold definitions for the purposes of this scheme are restated below:

- **Hospitality definition:** a business whose main function is to provide a venue for the consumption and sale of food and drink
- **Leisure definition:** a business that provides opportunities, experiences and facilities, in particular for culture, recreation, entertainment, celebratory events, days and nights out, betting and gaming
- **Accommodation definition:** a business whose main lodging provision is used for holiday, travel and other purposes.

This table sets out types of businesses that are eligible under the sector thresholds for this scheme. This list is not exhaustive, but indicative of the types of businesses that can be supported under this scheme.

Support type	Types of businesses	
Hospitality	Food courts Public houses/pub restaurants Restaurants	Roadside restaurants Wine bars Cafés
Leisure	Casinos and gambling clubs Cinemas Museums and art galleries Stately homes & historic houses Theatres Zoos & safari parks Amusement parks Wedding venues Events venues Night clubs & discotheques	Arenas Concert halls Tourist attractions Theme parks Amusement arcades Soft play centres or areas Indoor riding centres Clubs & institutions Village halls & scout huts, cadet huts, etc.
Accommodation	Caravan parks Caravan sites and pitches Chalet parks Coaching inns Country house hotels Guest houses Hostels Hotels Lodge	Holiday apartments, Cottages or bungalows Campsites Boarding houses Canal boats or other vessels B&Bs Catered holiday homes Holiday homes