

Addendum by the Coalition

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee 29 January 2021

7.1 - Scottish Government Discretionary Grant Funding for Businesses

Adds:

1.1.5

Notes that yesterday the Scottish Government announced the Discretionary Grants Fund would increase for £30m to £60m and that Edinburgh should therefore be able expect a significant uplift in funding. Notes we don't yet have certainty on the exact amount Edinburgh will receive but agrees the principle that we should look to support as many businesses as possible. Therefore, gives authority to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener, to increase the number of applications the fund is open to, in line with any additional funding received. Recognises that this may include reopening the fund in future.

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Joint Amendment by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups

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Delete 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 and insert;

1.1.3 agrees the eligibility criteria and evidence to be required for making an application, as set out in appendix 1.

1.1.4 does not agree with the proposed 'first come, first served' approach for the issuing grants as set out in appendix 1; agrees that businesses should instead have a 9am-5pm period on a defined day in which to make an application, with all valid applications received in this period being afforded a fair chance to be awarded a grant.

1.1.5 delegates authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work to make changes to this framework to ensure access to this fund remains limited to those who remain ineligible for any other Scottish Government support fund introduced since 1 October, excluding the Newly Self Employed Hardship Fund.

Moved by: Councillor Louise Young

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Campbell