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## Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Business Support Investment Panel Meeting Notes

Held on Wednesday 21 October 2020 from 14:30 - 16:00  
Convened electronically via Zoom video conference

Present	Apologies
Tim Fielder (Chair)	
Adrian Went	
Caroline Carter	
Cllr. Derek Pretty	
David Bream	<b>LEP / PCC</b>
Lyn Davis	Stuart Baker
Mark Waldron	Victoria Cherrett - PCC
Rob Dewing	Nicola Twiddy (minute taker)
James Fitzgerald (PCC)	James Ford

Item		ACTION
1.	<p><b><u>Introductions</u></b></p> <p>Tim Fielder welcomed members to the meeting and explained the protocols of the Zoom meeting, noting a recording of the meeting will be retained in addition to the meeting note.</p> <p>No apologies were received.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Consideration of Round 1 Applications Recommended For Grant Awards (including exceptional awards)</u></b></p> <p>The paper was taken as read and an update was provided on the applications received to the ERDF SME Restart and Recovery, &amp; Kick-starting Tourism Grant Programme.</p> <p>The Business Support Investment Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Noted</b> the update on Round 1 applications to the SME Restart and Recovery, &amp; Kick-starting Tourism Grant Programme.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Considered</b> the applications that are being recommended for grant award and <b>Agreed</b> to approve grant awards to the applicants in the Wider Economy and Visitor Economy categories, subject to second checks on the location of outputs.</li> <li>• <b>Considered</b> the applications in the <i>Exceptional</i> category (namely businesses seeking a grants of between £3,000 and £5,000) and <b>Agreed</b> to award funding to these applicants, subject to the LEP Executive/Accountable Body seeking clarification on the rationale for the <i>exceptional</i> nature of the application. If satisfactory responses are not provided the Panel <b>Agreed</b> to award grant to these applicants subject to eligible expenditure up to £3,000 to support the business respond to the economic implications of COVID-19.</li> <li>• <b>Agreed to delegate authority</b> to the LEP Executive/Accountable Body to take the exceptional applications forward.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that unsuccessful applicants to Round 1 will receive email feedback on why their application could not be progressed and have the opportunity to attend a webinar to support eligible future round applications.</p>	LEP Executive / Accountable Body
3.	<p><b><u>Update on Round 2</u></b></p> <p>It is hoped that Round 2 of the ERDF SME Restart and Recovery, &amp; Kick-starting Tourism Grant Programme will be ready to launch in early November 2020, following a review of the guidance document.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>AoB</u></b></p> <p>There was no further business.</p>	

**Meeting closed at 15:36**