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Northern Rother District Councillors' Report March 2021.

Additional Restrictions Grant – Discretionary Business Grants. Using the remaining balance of £1.9m in the Discretionary Grants Scheme it is proposed to make such grants available to the following businesses: B & B's, Market Traders, Holiday Accommodation, Hospitality & Leisure Supply chain, Arts & Entertainment,

Home-based "in person" businesses and Shared Spaces (businesses operating in shared office space that do not have their own rating assessment).

Additional information is available in the agenda for the Cabinet meeting of 1 March 2021. Here is the link:

<https://rother.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MId=512&Ver=4>

Food Hygiene Nearly 99% of Rother food businesses are broadly compliant with food hygiene standards, scoring three out of five or higher. In addition, nearly 76% of food businesses have been awarded the top score: five out five. There are 989 food businesses in Rother from cafes, takeaways, pubs and restaurants to your local grocery shop, supermarkets and even care homes and they are inspected by our Environmental Health team.

Fly tipping We have had 783 fly tips reported to the Council between April and December 2020. This is already more than 40% more than all of 2019/20 and the highest amount for years. We detected 36 fly tips, by finding evidence during our investigations that helped us take action to prevent further offences.

Car Parks We are undertaking a review of car parks in light of the introduction of civil parking enforcement in Rother in 2020. Due to lockdowns it has been more difficult to gather data on the impact on our car parks so work will continue in 2021.

Cllrs Martin Mooney & Tony Ganly