

A few things to let you know about.

The Council is still waiting for further details about the grant schemes. We will share as soon as we can.

HMRC have introduced a 'Time to Pay' service. Any business/self-employed person in financial distress, and with outstanding tax liabilities, may be eligible to receive support through this service.

Arrangements are on a case-by-case basis, tailored to individual circumstances.

You are eligible if:

You pay tax to the UK government Have an outstanding tax liability

If you have already missed a tax payment, or you will miss your next one due to COVID-19, call the helpline is **0800 0159 559**.

The Government has released details of what they consider to be 'key workers'. This is largely to help with the education provision following the school closures after today, but may well become important if there is a UK lockdown. I can't offer any advice/interpretation of this, but it's worth a look: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision</a>

We are expecting the Chancellor to announce further business support in the form of employment/wage subsidies later today. We will share any information about this as soon as we can.