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## **COVID-19 GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

Pembrokeshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Economy, Tourism, Leisure and Culture, Paul; Miller, has announced that payments to businesses started today (Wednesday, 1st April).

Said Councillor Miller: "The team have been working flat out to get this scheme up and running as we know just how important this support is to business right now.

"Government promised the money would be with us by the 1st April and, now that the first tranche of cash has arrived, we have started distributing that support to our businesses.

"We undertook a short test run yesterday to make sure the system was running correctly and from today we are running daily payment runs so that as many can be processed in the shortest possible time."

The following grants are available to small businesses to support the costs associated with the impact of Covid-19 on their businesses as follows;

- small business grant funding of £10,000 for all business in receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief;
- grant funding of £25,000 for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with property with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000.

Councillor Miller added "I know our local businesses are doing all they can to sustain jobs and livelihoods. Our job is to get assistance to them as quickly and efficiently as possible."