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Dear Member

Please kindly see below **the EBN Cobra update held today**, from Kris, along with two other updates:
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Dear Member,

I hope this email finds you safe and well.

Corona Virus Statistic Update

As of 5pm yesterday, the official figures for Eastbourne report that there has been 147 cases of Covid19. Sadly there has been 46 deaths, of which 22 were in hospital, 23 in care homes and one in a hospice.

Claremont and Road Closure Update

Work is carrying on at pace now. The back of House 11, which is owned by the Burlington Hotel has been propped so that house 10 can be safely demolished. This work is due to be completed at the end of May. The next stage throughout June is for the further demolition work to continue, as well as the gas main in the road to be filled in. There will be more safety hoarding put up to protect the road and site, with the road then being able to re-open.

Police Update

It was reported that their staffing resources are at a good level at the moment, which has allowed the police to respond to the demand across the town. **We re-iterated that there is still anti-social behaviour coming from the residents at the Strand Hotel and that a number of members have reported syringes on the beach opposite.** Both the police and council have taken note of this and we are advised to contact Customer First if any needles are found, and they will respond quickly to remove them.

- Here is the link: <https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/report-a-problem/>
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Discretionary Grant Fund

We understand that there are a number of members who have not been eligible for the first set of Business Grants, which is causing hardship. An update was given today and unfortunately this

doesn't provide much of a positive outcome to most. The situation is very fluid at the moment, with the Government making £1M available to Eastbourne for the Discretionary Grant Fund. It has set out four priority groups in the first instance:

1. Small businesses within shared offices
2. Regular market traders
3. B&Bs who only pay council tax
4. Charities

The reason we say it's not the greatest outcome is that if anyone is eligible for the Self Employment Grant Scheme, or the other schemes that have been set out (whether applied for or not), then you will not be able to apply. In addition if the £10,000 grant is used then there will only be enough funding for 100 applications.

However there is lobbying to say if the un-claimed amount from the initial Business Rate Grant schemes could be used – there is currently 20% not applied for. Also the level of grant is at the discretion of the Local Authority, so the question has also been asked as to whether they would consider reducing that amount, so more businesses can benefit. The latter part will be decided at Cabinet level after applications have been made. **The portal is due to go live next week and more guidance will be issued prior to that.**

Parking Permits

We have received feedback from those members who are taking in NHS or Key Workers that they cannot get buy H Permits due to the library being closed. David Tutt will be taking this as a personal action to find a solution. We have offered to purchase an amount centrally as a temporary solution, and we can administer them to those members who do not have any.

If there are any members who do have any that they could spare. Please can you contact the office so that we can support those who need them.

Eastbourne Recovery Groups

A significant amount of work has been achieved in the past week of which we have been heavily involved. A draft of the consolidated analyses and action plans has been collated, with the view to present these and gain feedback from the wider community in due course. **More details to follow.**

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do contact us via the office and we will be happy to help.

With best wishes

Kris

Kristian Hayter
Vice Chair
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1. **Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme** opens for claims on 26 May

Small and medium-sized employers will be able to [recover Statutory Sick Pay \(SSP\) payments](#) they have made to their employees through an online portal from 26 May. Employers with fewer than 250 employees will be able to apply to HMRC to recover the costs of paying coronavirus-related SSP.

Repayments will be at the relevant rate of SSP that has been paid to current or former employees for eligible periods of sickness starting on or after 13 March 2020. Tax agents will also be able to make claims on behalf of employers. [Guidance on making a claim is available on Gov.uk.](#)

2. DRAFT: COVID-19 Secure advice & risk assessment for hospitality businesses

UKHospitality have identified three key principles and procedures as we look towards the hospitality, leisure and tourism sector gradually re-opening venues, in order to play our part in the national economic recovery.

This is caveated by businesses being clear they do not wish to move ahead with re-opening before the time is right in this regard and there is a willingness to remain closed in support of the Government health-led advice in place.

1. A phased approach to re-opening determined by social distancing guidelines as part of stage 3 of the Government's reopening roadmap
2. Continued and enhanced support for closed businesses (furlough, rents, financing)
3. Industry-developed operational risk assessments to ensure businesses are COVID-19 Secure (such as this document)
 - <See attached the FULL version of the DRAFT document>

Take care & kind regards

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