

COVID-19 BUSINESS & ECONOMY RECOVERY WORKSTREAM

Remit:

- Identify the impact of Covid on the local economy in terms of business activity, jobs, debt, benefit claimants
- Identify actions for Harlow Council
- Identify actions in partnership with others
- Develop and monitor an action plan

Meeting 13th July 2020 - Minutes

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1. Notes of last meeting

No further comments

2. Actions arising from the last meeting

- Proactive promotion of the Town Centre and Neighbourhood Centres as retail destinations now that the initial crowding had eased and Harlow infection rates dropped significantly – SMB view was that we should wait until second weekend of pub openings (11th/12th July) before committing to promotional work. AB to discuss again at SMB this week as activity was still low level.
- Discretionary Grant Fund – applications closing midday on 17th July. More than 70 received to date.

3. Developing an Action Plan

Discussion focussed on themes for an outline action plan to be presented to the Members Recovery Working Group on 22nd July – see attached draft for comment.

Next meeting: Monday 27th July 2.00pm