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Leicester

Business Reopening
Support

July 2020



Leicester City Council is helping to support our valued business community by offering advice, grant funding and other initiatives.

The information in this document provides details of a range of business support available across the city.

Support to help you reopen your business

Leicester City Council has created a series of useful guides on the website to help you reopen your businesses. You will find:

- Government advice on how to make your workplace Covid-19 secure
- Guidance on reopening and legal requirements
- Information on face coverings that must by law be worn on public transport and as from 24th July in shops and supermarkets
- Health and safety risk assessment template that can be downloaded from our website
- Queue management and social distancing guidance
- Display notice for your premises showing your staff and customers are Covid-19 compliant using The Government's checklist

Floor vinyls for external queue management systems are also available free of charge whilst stocks last. To find out more go to:

www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/coronavirus/leicester-reopening-guidance-and-plan



Leicester Shop Front Improvement Grant

Are you looking to improve the appearance and image of your premises or are you taking on new premises that have been vacant? If so, you may be eligible for a Leicester Shop Front Improvement Grant. Grants up to £5,000 are available throughout Leicester for businesses that are able to demonstrate that there would be a marked improvement to their business frontage. For further details on the criteria, please visit:

www.leicester.gov.uk/business/start-up-and-growth/invest-in-leicester/shop-front-improvement-grant

Leicester Employment Hub

Looking for help and support to recruit new staff or apprentices? Please contact Leicester Employment Hub for a free bespoke end-to-end recruitment service with access to local job ready applicants.

www.leicesteremploymenthub.co.uk



1 Year Street Café Licence — Free

Social distancing measures that have been put in place in local shopping areas in the city provide the opportunity for some businesses to apply for a new temporary licence that is free from Leicester City Council. There is also one year free funding for existing street cafe licence holders. The licence is valid for one year with the scheme ending in September 2021. Full details of this scheme and how to apply for a street cafe licence area available at:

www.leicester.gov.uk/business/licences-and-permits/transport-and-street-licences-and-permits/street-cafe-licensing

Street Café Furnishings Grant

We understand that putting in place necessary social distancing measures impacts on the number of customers you can accommodate. To support the reopening of cafés, restaurants and bars, Leicester City Council is offering grants of up to £4,000 to businesses who have been granted a street café licence to pay for additional external seating requirements such as tables, chairs, canvas barriers, etc. For more information go to:

www.leicester.gov.uk/streetcafegrant

Business Active and Sustainable Travel Grant

Are you a city business who recognises the health, environmental and financial benefits of encouraging your staff to commute and make in-work journeys by active and sustainable transport? The Leicester City Council Walking & Cycling Team is offering a number of free initiatives, including business travel grants of up to £5,000. For an application form and support package, please go to:

www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk/businesses/leicester-city-businesses

Cycle Challenge Grants

One-off £300 grants are available for projects, rides, publicity, training or other events which help get more people on their bikes. The scheme is open to city-based groups to promote more people cycling, more safely and more often in Leicester.

www.leicester.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/cycling-in-leicester/cycling-schemes/300-cycle-challenge

Business Gateway Growth Hub

Need help for your business? Not sure where to go to find it? The Business Growth Hub can help you to find the right information from the right sources including any potential revenue or capital grants currently available. Check out the forthcoming programme of webinars especially designed to help businesses across a range of different sectors. To find out more, visit:

www.bizgateway.org.uk

You will find detailed information on the business reopening support by following the website links in this document. If you require further advice, please email Leicester City Council at:

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