

Cabinet

7 July 2020

Public Questions (1 total)

1.	Question from Mr G. Li to the Cabinet Member Finance, Councillor Rowena Hay
	I run a small business based at St Paul's medical centre, and missed my local government discretionary grant application window. What kind of help or redemption can you provide me with?
	Response from Cabinet Member
	<p>This Council received funding of £1,128,000 to design a discretionary grant scheme to support local businesses. The scheme was designed jointly with Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury councils.</p> <p>Like other Councils we anticipated demand would be high and would exceed the limited funding available. The scheme was therefore open for applications for a limited period between 9th and 21st June 2020.</p> <p>Unlike the earlier grant scheme the discretionary grants were aimed at businesses that are not business ratepayers. As we didn't have details of these businesses and where they are we weren't able to contact them directly so publicity was done via press releases, social media, the BID, LEP, MPs office and the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Cabinet agreed on 9th June that it may be possible to open another application window if any funding remained once all applications had been assessed and grants awarded. This won't be possible as the funding has now been allocated</p> <p>I wish we had the funding available to help Mr Li and the many other businesses that still need help but unless the Government give us additional funding we are not able to consider any more applications.</p>