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COVID-19 BUSINESS SUPPORT EXPERIMENTAL STATISTICS: STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK BUSINESS FUND AND OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT SCHEMES (DATA AS 25 JUNE)

This publication provides experimental statistics for the Strategic Framework Business Fund (SFBF), which was set up to support businesses in Scotland required by law to close or to significantly change their operations due to direct COVID-19 restrictions. The Fund was opened on 2 November 2020 and provided support through a temporary closure grant or a business restrictions grant (see introduction section for more details). This publication provides information on these funds cumulatively from their introduction on 2 November 2020, to 22 March 2021. It also provides information on the one-off Restart Grant and transitional payments paid on 19 April 2021 and the Localised Restrictions Support Fund paid since 17 May 2021.

Additionally, this publication provides information on other support funds administered by Local Authorities across Scotland since November 2020 at their introduction up to the 25 June (see introduction section for details). Information is available for payments made under the following schemes:

- Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up grant;
- Island Equivalent Payments and Top Up;
- Local Authority Discretionary Fund and Top Up;
- Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund;
- Contingency Plus: Travel Agents;
- Contingency Plus: Brewers;
- Contingency Plus: Indoor Football Centres;
- Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant;
- Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund;
- Top up Payments to Licensed Bingo Clubs and Casinos;
- Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operators Fund.

Summary

Table 1: Funding Summary

Support Scheme	Premises Paid ¹	Total Paid (£)
Strategic Framework Business Fund (restrictions and closure grants)	47,658	344,783,237
Restart grant and transitional payments - including small accommodation payments	49,222	444,820,593
Localised Restrictions Support Fund	9,038	9,300,075
Retail Hospitality Leisure Top Up	33,681	238,539,500
Island Equivalent Payments	1,660	8,644,700
Island Equivalent Top Up	605	4,068,000
Discretionary Fund (including Glasgow top up)	22,902	93,163,140
Taxi and private hire driver support (March 2021)	21,838	32,757,500
Contingency plus (travel agents, breweries and indoor football):	345	5,391,250
Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering	1,443	3,046,000
Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax (waves one to three)	1,481	8,830,000
Top Up Payments To Licensed Bingo Clubs And Casinos	57	2,850,000
Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operators Fund (June 2021) ²	20,456	30,684,000
Total funds of all schemes above (£)		1,226,877,995

*No grand total of premises is given due to double-counting

¹ Note except taxi and private hire driver support where payments are made to drivers.

² payments to operators were ongoing and too early to reflect in the data, only driver payments included

As at 25 June 2021 a **grand total of £1,226,877,995** has been paid out from the Strategic Framework Business Fund, Restart Grant and Transitional Payments and other business support schemes administered by local authorities since November 2020 (see **Table 1**).

£344,783,237 has been paid out to 47,658 premises under the **Strategic Framework Business Fund (SFBF) business restrictions and closure grants** (2 November 2020 to 22 March 2021, at scheme close). At the national level:

- 69% of the 69,150 premises applying for SFBF were accepted. 30% of applications were rejected, and 1% were either referred or deferred¹. The remaining less than 1% were still awaiting processing.
- 92% of funds were paid out under the temporary closure fund with the remaining 8% paid out under the business restrictions fund.
- 89% of funds were paid to businesses with rateable value less than £51,000, the remaining 11% being paid to larger businesses.

The maximum amount forecast for SFBF payments for the period from 2 November 2020 to the 22 March (at scheme close) was £419,570,000 (assigned pro rata for the period²). Of this amount, £344,783,237 (82%) of the forecasted spend has been disbursed to 47,658 business premises.

Alongside the SFBF as at 25 June 2021:

- A total of £238,539,500 has been paid out to 33,681 premises under the **Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up** funds
- Under the **Island Equivalent Payments (IEP)** scheme £8,644,700 has been paid to 1,660 premises. An additional £4,068,000 has been paid to 605 premises through the IEP top ups, for a total payment of £12,712,700.

The **Restart Grant and Transitional Payments** paid out £431,976,593 in Restart grants and transitional payments to premises already in receipt of SFBF or IEP payments. In addition Small Accommodation Providers that Pay Council Tax received £12,844,000 in Restart grants and transitional payments. Together this totals £444,820,593.

The **Localised Restrictions Fund** has paid £388,600 to businesses in Moray and £2,308,275 to businesses in Glasgow under level 3 restrictions from 17 May. For the 14 local authorities under level 2 restrictions from 5 June the fund paid a total of £6,603,200 to 6,367 premises. Together this totals £9,300,075 to 9,038 premises.

¹ Referral or deferral can occur for a variety of reasons and refers to applications that have been passed to a different processing body or have been set aside pending resolution of an issue that goes beyond normal processing.

² This is using an 'indicative allocation' for the period 28 December 2020 to 22 March 2021 which would have been the amount that would have allocated the 4 week cycle of payments had been kept. This allows a comparator percentage of payments made to date in line with previous publications.

Other local authority administered business support schemes, as at 25 June 2021:

Under the **Local Authority Discretionary** fund £92,394,065 has been paid to 22,902 premises. Of the 29,696 premises applying; 77% have been accepted, 22% rejected, referred or deferred, and 1% are still to be processed. An additional top up of £769,000 was allocated to Glasgow City in recognition of the localised level 3 restrictions in place in May 2021. A total of 2018 premises were supported by the top up, totalling £769,075. Together this totals £93,163,140.

Under the **Taxi and private hire driver support fund** (March 2021) a total of £32,757,500 has been paid out. This money was paid to 21,838 drivers, which accounts for 65% of the 33,767³ eligible drivers.

For the **Contingency Plus** payments a total of £5,391,250 has been paid to 345 Travel Agents, Breweries and Indoor Football Centres. The majority of these premises were Travel Agents.

The **Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant** scheme has paid a total of £3,046,000 to 1,443 premises.

£8,830,000 has been awarded to 1,481 premises under the **Small Accommodation Providers who pay council tax scheme** (including all three waves of this fund).

The **Top Up Payments To Licensed Bingo Clubs And Casinos scheme** has paid a total of £2,850,000 to 57 premises.

Local authority administered business support schemes opened since 17 May 2021:

The **Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operators Fund** (June 2021) has paid a total of £30,684,000 paid to 20,456 drivers. Payments to operators are being made in June/July 2021.

³ This figure is an estimate based on the number of eligible drivers each Local Authority reported that they have in their area.

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1. Introduction and background

1.1 Strategic Framework Business Fund

All businesses in Scotland that that are required by law to close or to directly and significantly change their operations due to COVID-19 restrictions from 2 November 2020 have been eligible to apply for grant funding available through the Scottish Government's Strategic Framework Business Fund (SFBF). This fund is now closed for applications. The SFBF was administered by Local Authorities. A business could previously apply for a:

- **Temporary closure grant** of £2,000 or £3,000 (depending on rateable value⁴ for the premises from which businesses operate) if it was required to close by law; or,
- **Business restrictions grant** of £1,400 or £2,100 (depending on rateable value for the premises from which businesses operate) if it could remain open but was specifically required to modify its operations by law, for example having to close earlier than normal. This did not include where a demand for products or services had been reduced because of the pandemic.

Payments have been made in arrears, and the final four-weekly payment from the Strategic Framework Business Fund was made on 22 March 2021.

More information on the SFBF can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Strategic Framework Business Fund - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/strategic-framework-business-fund).

The support provided through the SFBF is separate from that made available to businesses through the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Restrictions Fund, which supported businesses impacted by local COVID-19 restrictions from 9 October until 1 November. Applications for that funding closed on 3 November 2020, and statistics are reported here ([Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - business support funding: statistics \(circuit breaker\) – 29 January 2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/business-support-funding-statistics))

1.2 Restart Grant and Transitional Payments

On 19 April 2021, all eligible SFBF and Island Equivalent Payment recipients automatically received a combined final **transitional payment** and one off **restart grant** to help them reopen:

- **Non-essential retailer** businesses received a payment of £7000 (£1,000 transitional payment + £6,000 restart grant) for properties with a rateable value of below £51,000 or a payment of £7500 (£1,500 transitional payment + £6,000 restart grant) for properties with a rateable value of more than £51,000.

⁴ Rateable Value (RV) gives an indication of the size of the business premise receiving the funds and also determines the payment rate.

- **Hospitality and leisure** businesses received a payment of £9000 (£1,000 transitional payment + £8,000 restart grant) for properties with a rateable value of below £15,000; £13,000 (£1,000 transitional payment + £12,000 restart grant) for properties with a rateable value of between £15,000 and £51,000; or £19,500 (£1,500 transitional payment + £18,000 restart grant) for properties with a rateable value of above £51,001.

In addition to those businesses in receipt of financial support through the [Strategic Framework Business Fund](#) the **Restart Grant and Transitional Payments** were extended to those businesses that received a grant through waves 1 – 3 of the [Small Accommodation Providers Paying Council Tax Fund](#):

- all premises that received a grant award through any of the three waves of the **Small Accommodation Providers Paying Council Tax Fund** received a one-off grant of £9,000 (£1,000 **SFBF equivalent payment** + £8,000 **restart grant**).

More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Strategic Framework Business Fund transition payment and Scottish Business Restart Grant – information for local authorities - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

1.3 Localised Restrictions Fund

In recognition of the changes to dates originally set out in the Strategic Framework, the Scottish Government has provided additional support for businesses in local authorities which have been subject to restrictions for a longer period of time.

Moray Localised Restrictions Fund - For the period from 17 May, additional support was provided to specific businesses in Moray while they remained in Protection level 3. A one off grant of up to £1,500 was provided for sectors that remained closed and up to £1,050 for businesses that required to modify their operations. Hospitality and tourism businesses were also eligible for a one-off grant of up to £1,000 in recognition of the impact of travel restrictions on the council area.

Glasgow Localised Restrictions Fund - For the period from 17 May, additional support was provided to specific businesses in Glasgow for the duration they remained in Protection level 3. Up to £750 a week was provided for sectors that remained closed and up to £525 a week for businesses that required to modify their operations. Hospitality and tourism businesses were also eligible for a grant of up to £500 in recognition of the impact of travel restrictions on the council area.

The 5 June Local Restrictions Support Fund provided financial support for businesses impacted by the Scottish Government's decision on 2 June to retain Protection Level 2 restrictions in 14 Local authority areas in response to rates of COVID-19. The fund offered grants of up to £750 each week to the soft play sector that remained closed in Protection Level 2 but which was permitted to open elsewhere in Scotland from 5 June. Businesses required to modify their operations as a result of being in Protection Level 2 were provided with support of up to £525 per week.

Only businesses that previously received financial support through the Strategic Framework Business Fund were eligible for a grant through these schemes.

More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) local restrictions grants: information for businesses - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#).

1.4 Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up funds

The Scottish Government announced on 21st December 2020 (hospitality), 27th December 2020 (retail) and 11th January 2021 (leisure) a new package of support to help businesses in these sectors closed or impacted by protective measures. Businesses were eligible to receive one-off grants depending on the Rateable Value of the business property. To be considered eligible for the top up payment a business had to apply to the Strategic Framework Business Fund by 5 February 2020. This fund is now closed.

For more detail see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): strategic framework business fund - sector top-up funds for hospitality, retail and leisure - information for local authorities - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

1.5 Island Equivalent Payments and Top Up

The island equivalent payment recognised that while islands faced a lower level of restrictions, there were significant impacts on many island businesses. For eligible businesses, this fund brought the support available to them in line with similar businesses subject to level 4 restrictions on the mainland, for January 2021 and beyond. This fund was available in Orkney, Shetland and Comhairle nan-Eilean Siar, and islands in Highland and Argyll and Bute. The eligibility criteria were the same as for the [Strategic Framework Business Fund](#) and the top up also provided an equivalent additional payment to the [Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up fund](#). This fund is now closed.

For more information please see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Island Equivalent Payment - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

1.6 Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund

Licensed taxi or private hire drivers experiencing financial challenge as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19) were eligible to receive a one-off grant of £1,500. This support is separate from and in addition to any other funding they may have received from the Scottish or UK Government, for example the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme and the COVID-19 Public Transport Mitigation Fund.

This fund closed on 25th March 2021. More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

1.7 Local Authority Discretionary Fund

This fund was established to mitigate the short term financial challenges being experienced by businesses adversely impacted by restrictions and regulations introduced to control the spread of COVID-19. It enabled individual local authorities to direct additional financial support to groups, sectors or businesses within their local business communities who are experiencing immediate financial challenges as a result of current restrictions and regulations. Local authorities could use this fund at their discretion, and undertake their own assessment of need and develop eligibility criteria and application processes accordingly.

The fund was doubled from its original £30 million to £60 million, and has since been doubled again to £120 million in February 2021 to allow councils to respond further to local economic pressures.

An additional top up of £769,000 was made to Glasgow City in recognition of the localised level 3 restrictions in place in May 2021.

For more information please see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): local authority discretionary fund - information - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2020/12/20201216_coronavirus_covid-19_local_authority_discretionary_fund_information_gov.scot)

1.8 Contingency Plus Funds (Travel Agents, Brewers and Indoor Football Centres)

Additional funding was committed to support travel agents, brewers and indoor football centres in recognition of the specific challenges that businesses operating in these sectors experienced as a result of COVID-19 restrictions and regulations. The fund recognised that:

- **travel agencies** and companies that sell outbound business and leisure travel services have experienced specific challenges since the outset of the pandemic and are likely to face ongoing disruption as a result of restrictions on international travel. This fund provided a one-off grant of up to £25,000 for eligible businesses based on the Rateable Value of the premises from which they operate.
- many **breweries** derive a substantial portion of their income from selling beer to pubs, bars and restaurants, they have experienced a dramatic drop in sales since the outset of the pandemic due to the restrictions placed on hospitality businesses. This fund provided a one-off grant of up to £30,000 for eligible businesses based on the Rateable Value of the premises from which they operate.
- **indoor football centres** have experienced specific challenges as a result of COVID-19, due to restrictions on group exercise. This fund provided a one-off grant of up to £25,000 for eligible businesses based on the Rateable Value of the premises from which they operate.

This fund closed on 31 March 2021. More information on Contingency Plus Funds can be found here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): funding for brewers, travel agents and indoor football centres - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2020/12/20201216_coronavirus_covid-19_funding_for_brewers_travel_agents_and_indoor_football_centres_gov.scot)

1.9 Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant

The Scottish Government announced a new package of support (21 December 2020) for the tourist accommodation sector in recognition of the impact of restrictions on gatherings and the one household rule on self-catering accommodation:

- **Exclusive use properties** that provide accommodation were eligible for one off grants of £10,000, if they pay Non Domestic Rates and have been evaluated by the Scottish Assessors Association as an Exclusive Use

Venue providing overnight accommodation, either in their main building or in lodges at the property, or a combination of both.

- **Large Self-catering businesses** were eligible if they have a property which accommodates seven or more people for which they pay Non Domestic Rates. The number of bed spaces will be linked to records held by Rates Assessors. The large self-catering grant made one off payments of £2,000 available to eligible applicants.

This Fund closed on 9 April 2021. More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): support for large self catering and exclusive use properties - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/support-for-large-self-catering-and-exclusive-use-properties)

1.10 Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund

The **Support for Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund** (SAP-CTF) was to support small accommodation providers in Scotland that pay council tax, including B&Bs, guest houses and self-catering properties, and which have been impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. This fund was delivered in the three waves. The first and second waves supported businesses that have previously been supported by either the Bed and Breakfast hardship fund or Creative, Tourism and Hospitality Hardship Fund in 2020. The third wave was for other eligible businesses who have not previously been funded by either of these schemes. Applications for the third wave went live on Monday 15 March and applications closed on Monday 22 March. The grant took the form of one £6,000 award, the equivalent of three 4-weekly payments of £2,000.

More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Small Accommodation Providers Paying Council Tax \(SAP-CTF\) - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/small-accommodation-providers-paying-council-tax)

An additional payment was made to small accommodation providers on 19 April see the Restart Grant and Transitional Payments section [above](#) for more details.

1.11 Top Up Payments To Licensed Bingo Clubs And Casinos

An additional top up was provided to licensed bingo clubs and casinos. The grant was a one off payment of £50,000 for eligible businesses. To be considered eligible for the top up payment a business had to apply to the Strategic Framework Business Fund by 22 March 2021. This fund is now closed.

1.12 Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operators Fund

Taxi drivers that received support through the Taxi Driver and Private Hire Vehicle Driver Support Fund were eligible for an additional payment of £1,500 paid in June 2021. For eligible Taxi operators the Fund offers support of between £1,000 - £15,000 based on the number of vehicle licenses each owner/operator holds. There is no application process and councils aim to make payments in June/July 2021.

More details can be found here [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operator Support Fund - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/topics/coronavirus/covid-19/taxi-and-private-hire-driver-and-operator-support-fund)

2. Strategic Framework Business Fund, and Restart Grant including Transitional payments

This section relates to business premises in receipt of Strategic Framework Business Fund (SFBF) grants and Restart Grants. **Tables 1 to 5** show information from 2 November 2020 to 19 April 2021 for the temporary closure grant and business restrictions grant. **Table 6** and **Tables 7, 7a and 7b** show information about the transitional payment and Restart Grant.

2.1 Strategic Framework Business Fund Spend

The maximum amount forecast for SFBF payments for the period from 2 November 2020 to the 22 March (at scheme close) is £419,570,000⁵. Of this amount, £341,988,752 (82%) of the forecasted spend has so far been disbursed to businesses, based on 47,297 accepted premises.

This fund closed to applications on 22 March 2021.

National level spend (2 November to 22 March, at scheme close)

Funding allocated to local authorities (£)	Spend (£)	% forecasted spend that has been used
419,570,000	344,783,237	82%

⁵ This is using an 'indicative allocation' for the period 28 December 2020 to 22 March 2021 which would have been the amount that would have allocated the 4 week cycle of payments had been kept. This allows a comparator percentage of payments made to date in line with previous publications.

2.1.1 Local Authority SFBF Spend and budget allocation (to 22 March 2021)

The majority of Local Authorities have disbursed between 60% to 100% of maximum forecast expenditure, for up to 22 March⁵. The % budget allocated for Orkney, Na h-Eileanan Siar and Shetland was lower due to the receipt of Island Equivalent funding and lower restrictions throughout the period. The % budget allocation for Scottish Borders was 124%, as the actual spend was higher than estimated.

Table 2 SFBF Grant Spending and Budget Allocation by Local Authority (2 November 2020 to 22 March 2021, at scheme close)

Local Authority	Actual Spend (£)	Budget Allocated to LA (£)	% Budget that has been allocated
Aberdeen City	9,718,675	16,300,000	60%
Aberdeenshire	11,333,060	14,950,000	76%
Angus	6,272,114	7,480,000	84%
Argyll and Bute	13,240,900	17,380,000	76%
Clackmannanshire	2,347,200	2,350,000	100%
Dumfries and Galloway	14,974,170	15,210,000	98%
Dundee City	8,112,200	10,600,000	77%
East Ayrshire	6,321,525	7,040,000	90%
East Dunbartonshire	4,003,750	5,380,000	74%
East Lothian	4,942,800	6,090,000	81%
East Renfrewshire	2,964,737	4,290,000	69%
City of Edinburgh	37,249,000	48,990,000	76%
Falkirk	6,418,725	7,540,000	85%
Fife	21,069,050	21,850,000	96%
Glasgow City	43,656,500	52,130,000	84%
Highland	36,301,050	36,790,000	99%
Inverclyde	3,107,750	4,000,000	78%
Midlothian	2,922,600	4,080,000	72%
Moray	6,524,200	7,290,000	89%
Na h-Eileanan Siar*	2,469,200	3,880,000	64%
North Ayrshire	7,768,100	9,320,000	83%
North Lanarkshire	12,359,311	16,000,000	77%
Orkney Islands*	353,000	3,350,000	11%
Perth and Kinross	13,530,000	15,640,000	87%
Renfrewshire	8,835,625	11,790,000	75%
Scottish Borders	12,585,900	10,190,000	124%
Shetland Islands*	772,800	2,490,000	31%
South Ayrshire	9,000,130	10,750,000	84%
South Lanarkshire	12,399,004	18,910,000	66%
Stirling	10,091,085	11,580,000	87%
West Dunbartonshire	5,098,175	5,830,000	87%
West Lothian	8,040,900	10,100,000	80%
Scotland	344,783,237	419,570,000	82%

*The budgets for Na h-Eileanan Siar, Orkney and Shetland are indicative of level 4 restrictions, however the regions have typically had lower levels of restrictions and also make payments under the IEP schemes meaning the budget percentages for these regions may not reflect the situation fully.

2.1.2 Local Authority level disbursements by grant type

A total of £318,781,045 was paid under the temporary closure grant. For the business restrictions grant, a total of £26,002,192 was paid. Thus 92% of funds paid are for closures, with the remaining 8% being paid for restrictions. This reflects the nature and extent of Level 4 restrictions in place before and since 26 December 2020.

Table 3: SFBF funds by grant type and Local Authority paid up to 22 March 2021

Local Authority	Closure (£)	Restrictions (£)	Total (£)
Aberdeen City	8,952,750	765,925	9,718,675
Aberdeenshire	10,253,153	1,079,907	11,333,060
Angus	5,778,114	494,000	6,272,114
Argyll and Bute	12,116,000	1,124,900	13,240,900
Clackmannanshire	2,196,000	151,200	2,347,200
Dumfries and Galloway	14,136,270	837,900	14,974,170
Dundee City	7,660,000	452,200	8,112,200
East Ayrshire*	5,339,575	981,950	6,321,525
East Dunbartonshire	3,841,000	162,750	4,003,750
East Lothian	4,513,000	429,800	4,942,800
East Renfrewshire	2,919,587	45,150	2,964,737
City of Edinburgh	33,966,000	3,283,000	37,249,000
Falkirk	6,112,650	306,075	6,418,725
Fife	19,524,500	1,544,550	21,069,050
Glasgow City	40,775,850	2,880,650	43,656,500
Highland	34,277,000	2,024,050	36,301,050
Inverclyde	2,932,250	175,500	3,107,750
Midlothian	2,693,000	229,600	2,922,600
Moray	6,105,000	419,200	6,524,200
Na h-Eileanan Siar	2,292,200	177,000	2,469,200
North Ayrshire*	5,936,500	1,831,600	7,768,100
North Lanarkshire	11,789,211	570,100	12,359,311
Orkney Islands	24,000	329,000	353,000
Perth and Kinross	12,588,600	941,400	13,530,000
Renfrewshire	8,479,500	356,125	8,835,625
Scottish Borders	12,015,100	570,800	12,585,900
Shetland Islands*	567,000	205,800	772,800
South Ayrshire	8,634,205	365,925	9,000,130
South Lanarkshire	11,807,504	591,500	12,399,004
Stirling*	7,958,075	2,133,010	10,091,085
West Dunbartonshire	4,879,250	218,925	5,098,175
West Lothian	7,718,200	322,700	8,040,900
Scotland	318,781,045	26,002,192	344,783,237

* East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire. The Shetland Isles and Stirling have revised the spend between the closure and restrictions grants as part of the reconciliation process.

2.1.3 Local Authority Spend by Rateable Value

For smaller premises with a rateable value (RV) less than £51,000 there have been 43,338 premises paid a total of £306,795,542. For larger business with RV greater than £51,000 there have been 3,320 premises were paid a total of £37,987,695. Of the funds paid 89% were paid to smaller businesses, with the remaining 11% going to larger businesses.

Table 4: SFBF Funds paid by Rateable Value and Local Authority paid up to 22 March 2021

Local Authority	RV ≤ 51k		RV > 51k		Total	
	Premises paid		Premises paid		Premises paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen City	1,114	7,297,675	222	2,421,000	1,336	9,718,675
Aberdeenshire	1,583	10,323,960	97	1,009,100	1,680	11,333,060
Angus	895	6,060,614	19	211,500	914	6,272,114
Argyll & Bute	1,979	12,623,800	56	617,100	2,035	13,240,900
Clackmannanshire	315	2,190,000	14	157,200	329	2,347,200
Dumfries & Galloway	2,198	14,307,570	56	666,600	2,254	14,974,170
Dundee	996	6,812,000	112	1,300,200	1,108	8,112,200
East Ayrshire*	728	5,639,900	47	681,625	775	6,321,525
East Dunbarton	560	3,730,000	32	273,750	592	4,003,750
East Lothian	697	4,517,400	38	425,400	735	4,942,800
East Renfrewshire	356	2,835,596	14	129,142	370	2,964,737
Edinburgh	4,498	30,475,600	628	6,773,400	5,126	37,249,000
Falkirk	850	5,606,700	75	812,025	925	6,418,725
Fife	3,026	19,207,400	171	1,861,650	3,197	21,069,050
Glasgow	4,600	35,568,087	598	8,088,413	5,198	43,656,500
Highland	5,288	34,007,050	199	2,294,000	5,487	36,301,050
Inverclyde	432	2,955,300	13	152,450	445	3,107,750
Midlothian	372	2,580,000	33	342,600	405	2,922,600
Moray	951	6,019,600	46	504,600	997	6,524,200
Na H-Eileanan Siar	556	2,389,400	7	79,800	563	2,469,200
North Ayrshire	1,068	7,244,900	42	523,200	1,110	7,768,100
North Lanarkshire	1,407	11,022,636	114	1,336,675	1,521	12,359,311
Orkney	34	311,000	2	42,000	36	353,000
Perth & Kinross	1,930	12,500,400	103	1,029,600	2,033	13,530,000
Renfrewshire	958	7,549,500	116	1,286,125	1,074	8,835,625
Scottish Borders	1,625	12,062,100	46	523,800	1,671	12,585,900
Shetland	72	608,400	15	164,400	87	772,800
South Ayrshire	1,060	8,131,065	75	869,065	1,135	9,000,130
South Lanarkshire	1,469	11,412,754	82	986,250	1,551	12,399,004
Stirling	1,227	8,946,385	108	1,144,700	1,335	10,091,085
West Dunbartonshire	579	4,559,750	46	538,425	625	5,098,175
West Lothian	915	7,299,000	94	741,900	1,009	8,040,900
Scotland	44,338	306,795,542	3,320	37,987,695	47,658	344,783,237

* East Ayrshire has revised its figures as part of the reconciliation process, resulting in some premises moving between the Rateable Value bands.

2.2 SFBF Premises application status

This section describes application status or premises and it is important to recognise that the figures quoted in this section relate to applications rather than awards i.e. each premise is counted once regardless of how many repeating payments (awards) it received.

This section covers information for the payment period, from 2 November 2020 to 22 March 2021 (scheme close date). However, the table is updated with changes that happened after the scheme closed such as the resolution of previously pending applications.

There have been 69,150 premises⁶ applying for SFBF business support made to local authorities across Scotland. 47,658 (69%) of these premises have been accepted. The number of applications awaiting processing as at 25 June was 89 (less than 1%).

20,983 (30%) of premises were rejected, and 420 (1%) were either referred or deferred⁷.

Application status at the national level

Premises applying*	Awaiting processing*		Premise Rejected		Premise referred or deferred		Premise accepted	
Number	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
69,150	89	0%	20,983	30%	420	1%	47,658	69%

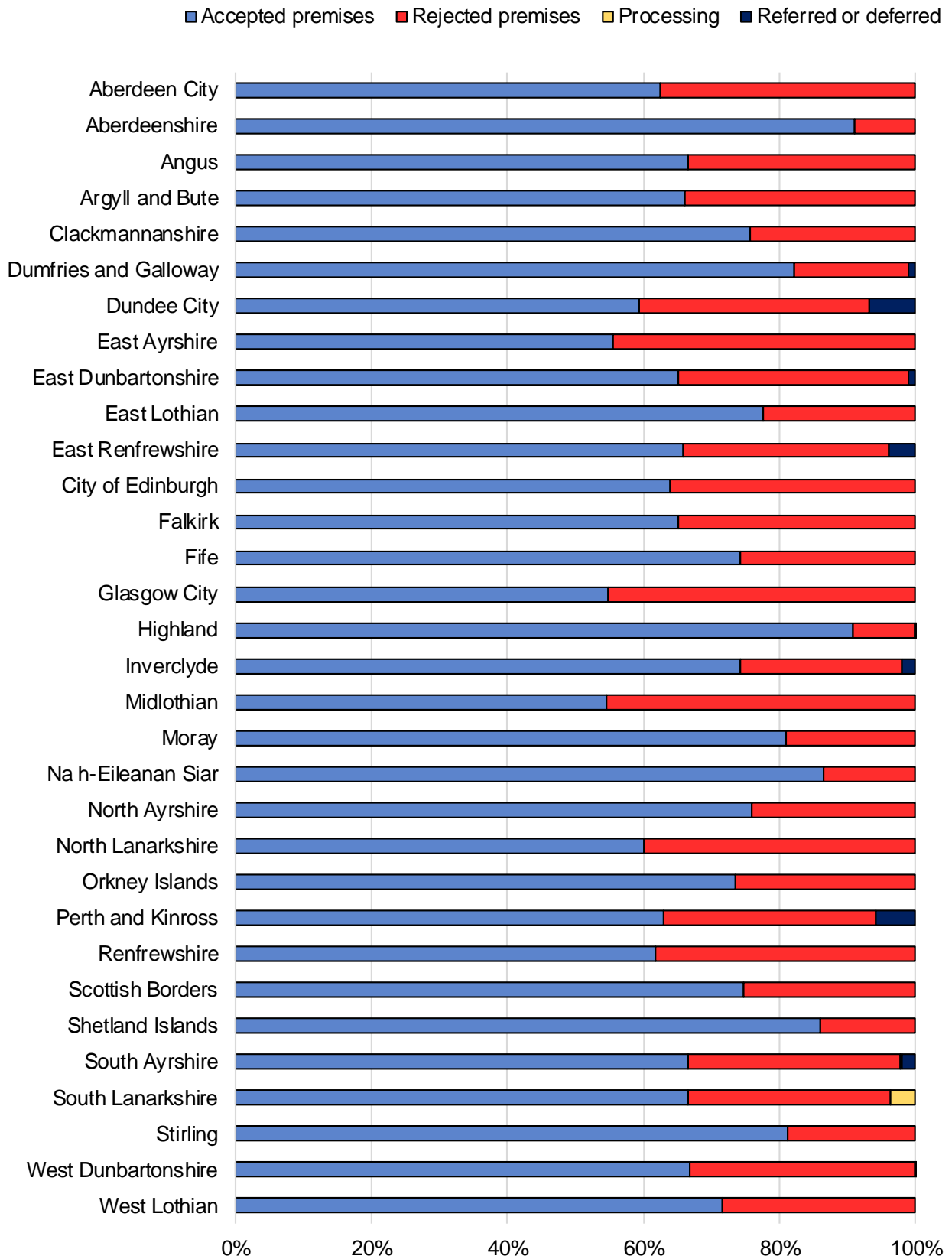
*Processing applications may have more than one premise, but may not have been filed into the councils database as of yet, therefore processing may underestimate the number of premises. Due to this the total premise applying may also be a slight underestimate until the processing records have resolve

The distribution of applications status varied considerably by local authority– see **Chart 1 below** or **Table 5a** in the associated tables. The majority of local authorities have processed all of their applications. South Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire are awaiting information in order to process the remaining applications. A revision to this publication will be made once these applications are processed.

⁶ It should be noted that applications to this scheme may contain more than one premise. Since it is often not possible to know the number of premises on an application form until it is processed, unprocessed applications are counted as one premise. Given the low number of unprocessed applications the effects of this approximation are not expected to be large

⁷ Referral or deferral can occur for a variety of reasons and refers to applications that have been passed to a different processing body or have been set aside pending resolution of an issue that goes beyond normal processing.

Chart 1: SFBF Application Status by Local Authority paid up to 22 March 2021



2.2.1 Rejection reasons

Table 5b summarises the reasons for rejecting applications (note this is different from the number of rejected premises). Applications may be rejected for several reasons including multiple applications made by a single business, not meeting the eligibility criteria or not providing sufficient information. The most common reason was that the applicant was in an ineligible sector. An estimated 53% of applications rejected (as of 25 June) fell into this category.

Table 5b: Scotland level, reasons for rejection for SFBF ‘temporary closure fund’ and ‘business restrictions fund’ applications paid up to 22 March 2021

Reason	Rejections	Percentage of rejections
Ineligible sector	11,373	53%
Not Enough Information Supplied	548	3%
Duplicate Application	2,183	10%
HQ Outside Local Authority Area	299	1%
Not trading	352	2%
Other	3,161	15%
Reason not recorded	3,372	16%
Total rejections	21,288	100%

2.3 Restart Grant and Transitional Payments

'Non-essential Retail' and 'Hospitality and Leisure' premises previously in receipt of SFBF or IEP⁸ were eligible for the a Restart Grant. The amount paid depended on the Sector and Rateable value (RV) of the premise (see [section 1.2](#) for full details). Of those premises estimated to be eligible, 98% were paid. Those premises that were not paid were no longer eligible for various reasons, including where applications had been withdrawn, businesses had closed or relocated.

The non-essential retail sector was paid a total of £155,259,143, and the Hospitality and Leisure sectors were paid a total of £280,717,450.

There was no dependence on rateable value for Small Accommodations paying council tax, with all premises receiving the same amount (see [section 1.2](#) for full details). Small accommodations paying council tax were paid a total of £12,844,000.

This gives a grand total of £444,820,593 paid out under the Restart Grants, including transitional payments.

National level spend

Non-essential Retail		Hospitality and Leisure		Small Accommodations paying council tax	
Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
21,535	155,259,143	26,259	280,717,450	1,428	12,844,000

Total	
Number	Value (£)
49,222	444,820,593

⁸ Argyll and Bute, Highland, Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands paid restart grants to those previously in receipt of SFBF or IEP. All other local authorities paid restart grants based on SFBF eligibility only.

2.3.1 Restart Grant payments by Local Authority

On 19 April 2021 Restart grants and SFBF transitional payments were made paying £382,601,974 and £49,374,619 respectively. Together this totals £431,976,593 of payments to the 'Non-essential Retail' and 'Hospitality and Leisure' sectors.

Table 6 Restart Grant and Transitional Payments by Local Authority paid up to 19 April 2021
(restart payments to small accommodations are not included in this table)

Local Authority	SFBF transitional payment	Restart grant	Total (£)
Aberdeen City	1,433,500	11,578,000	13,011,500
Aberdeenshire	1,704,859	13,196,283	14,901,143
Angus	907,500	6,730,000	7,637,500
Argyll and Bute	2,511,500	20,142,000	22,653,500
Clackmannanshire	336,000	2,462,000	2,798,000
Dumfries and Galloway	2,282,000	17,516,000	19,798,000
Dundee City	1,181,500	8,784,000	9,965,500
East Ayrshire	783,000	5,830,000	6,613,000
East Dunbartonshire	507,000	3,686,000	4,193,000
East Lothian	729,000	5,708,000	6,437,000
East Renfrewshire	364,000	2,694,000	3,058,000
City of Edinburgh	5,367,500	44,238,000	49,605,500
Falkirk	936,000	6,974,000	7,910,000
Fife	3,174,000	23,826,000	27,000,000
Glasgow City	5,498,442	42,287,308	47,785,750
Highland	5,543,911	44,186,289	49,730,200
Inverclyde	442,000	3,224,000	3,666,000
Midlothian	414,000	3,330,000	3,744,000
Moray	1,011,556	7,816,444	8,828,000
Na h-Eileanan Siar	563,500	4,362,000	4,925,500
North Ayrshire	1,131,000	8,536,000	9,667,000
North Lanarkshire	1,553,000	11,836,000	13,389,000
Orkney Islands	401,000	3,150,000	3,551,000
Perth and Kinross	2,045,500	15,942,000	17,987,500
Renfrewshire	1,115,000	8,230,000	9,345,000
Scottish Borders	1,677,455	12,728,795	14,406,250
Shetland Islands	278,500	2,276,000	2,554,500
South Ayrshire	1,106,833	8,324,667	9,431,500
South Lanarkshire	1,534,034	11,423,966	12,958,000
Stirling	1,284,528	10,058,222	11,342,750
West Dunbartonshire	558,000	4,222,000	4,780,000
West Lothian	999,000	7,304,000	8,303,000
Scotland	49,374,619	382,601,974	431,976,593

2.3.2 Restart Grant payments by Rateable Value and Local Authority

Non-essential retail

For smaller non-essential retail premises with a RV less than £51,000, there was 20,365 premises paid a total of £141,941,857. For larger business with RV greater than £51,000, a total of 1,007 premises were paid a total of £7,523,786. Of these funds 95% were paid to smaller businesses, with the remaining 5% going to larger businesses.

Table 7a: Restart Grant payments by Rateable Value and Local Authority to Non-Essential Retail sector paid up to 19 April 2021 (including SFBF transitional payment and restart grant)

Local Authority	RV ≤ 51k		RV > 51k		Total	
	Premises paid Number	Value (£)	Premises paid Number	Value (£)	Premises paid Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen City	618	4,326,000	74	555,000	692	4,881,000
Aberdeenshire	745	5,218,857	24	181,286	769	5,400,143
Angus	450	3,150,000	6	45,000	456	3,195,000
Argyll & Bute	476	3,332,000	4	30,000	480	3,362,000
Clackmannanshire	187	1,309,000	7	52,500	194	1,361,500
Dumfries & Galloway	746	5,222,000	17	127,500	763	5,349,500
Dundee	605	4,235,000	64	480,000	669	4,715,000
East Ayrshire	437	3,059,000	14	105,000	451	3,164,000
East Dunbartonshire	333	2,331,000	7	52,500	340	2,383,500
East Lothian	342	2,394,000	7	52,500	349	2,446,500
East Renfrewshire	235	1,645,000	3	22,500	238	1,667,500
Edinburgh	2,006	14,042,000	168	1,260,000	2,174	15,302,000
Falkirk	549	3,843,000	20	150,000	569	3,993,000
Fife	1,561	10,927,000	46	345,000	1,607	11,272,000
Glasgow	2,903	20,321,000	202	1,515,000	3,105	21,836,000
Highland	1,185	8,284,500	42	315,000	1,227	8,599,500
Inverclyde	280	1,960,000	3	22,500	283	1,982,500
Midlothian	173	1,211,000	10	75,000	183	1,286,000
Moray	369	2,583,000	15	112,500	384	2,695,500
Na H-Eileanan Siar	128	896,000	1	7,500	129	903,500
North Ayrshire	504	3,528,000	13	97,500	517	3,625,500
North Lanarkshire	860	6,020,000	29	217,500	889	6,237,500
Orkney	91	637,000	1	7,500	92	644,500
Perth & Kinross	686	4,802,000	26	195,000	712	4,997,000
Renfrewshire	603	4,221,000	57	427,500	660	4,648,500
Scottish Borders	629	4,403,000	14	105,000	643	4,508,000
Shetland	89	623,000	-	-	89	623,000
South Ayrshire	533	3,738,000	26	195,000	559	3,933,000
South Lanarkshire	916	6,412,000	23	172,500	939	6,584,500
Stirling	482	3,374,000	34	255,000	516	3,629,000
West Dunbartonshire	277	1,939,000	17	127,500	294	2,066,500
West Lothian	512	3,584,000	51	382,500	563	3,966,500
Scotland	20,510	143,570,357	1,025	7,688,786	21,535	151,259,143

Hospitality Premises

For the smallest hospitality premises with a RV less than £15,000, there have been 18,648 premises paid a total of £167,694,950. For Premises with RV between £15,000 and £51,000 there have been 5,441 premises paid a total of £70,692,000. For larger premises with RV greater than £51,000, a total of 2,170 premises were paid a total of £42,330,500. Of the total funds paid to this sector; 60% were paid to the smallest premises, 25% was paid to medium premise, and 15% were paid to the larger premises.

Table 7b: Restart Grant payments by Rateable Value and Local Authority to Hospitality and Leisure sector paid up to 19 April 2021 (including SFBF transitional payment and restart grant)

Local Authority	RV ≤ 15k		15k > RV ≤ 51k		RV > 51k		Total	
	Premises paid Number	Value (£)	Premises paid Number	Value (£)	Premises paid Number	Value (£)	Premises paid Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen City	257	2,313,000	230	2,990,000	145	2,827,500	632	8,130,500
Aberdeenshire	625	5,622,000	201	2,612,000	65	1,267,000	891	9,501,000
Angus	347	3,123,000	82	1,066,000	13	253,500	442	4,442,500
Argyll & Bute	1,782	15,957,000	183	2,379,000	49	955,500	2,014	19,291,500
Clackmannanshire	91	819,000	37	481,000	7	136,500	135	1,436,500
Dumfries & Galloway	1,297	11,673,000	155	2,015,000	39	760,500	1,491	14,448,500
Dundee	249	2,241,000	140	1,820,000	61	1,189,500	450	5,250,500
East Ayrshire	194	1,746,000	83	1,079,000	32	624,000	309	3,449,000
East Dunbartonshire	79	711,000	65	845,000	13	253,500	157	1,809,500
East Lothian	226	2,034,000	107	1,391,000	29	565,500	362	3,990,500
East Renfrewshire	57	513,000	57	741,000	7	136,500	121	1,390,500
Edinburgh	1,530	13,770,000	933	12,129,000	431	8,404,500	2,894	34,303,500
Falkirk	181	1,629,000	107	1,391,000	46	897,000	334	3,917,000
Fife	1,086	9,774,000	299	3,887,000	106	2,067,000	1,491	15,728,000
Glasgow	963	8,667,000	734	9,542,000	396	7,740,750	2,093	25,949,750
Highland	3,686	33,155,200	393	5,109,000	147	2,866,500	4,226	41,130,700
Inverclyde	91	819,000	53	689,000	9	175,500	153	1,683,500
Midlothian	120	1,080,000	73	949,000	22	429,000	215	2,458,000
Moray	483	4,338,500	93	1,209,000	30	585,000	606	6,132,500
Na H-Eileanan Siar	405	3,645,000	20	260,000	6	117,000	431	4,022,000
North Ayrshire	464	4,176,000	100	1,300,000	29	565,500	593	6,041,500
North Lanarkshire	323	2,907,000	208	2,704,000	79	1,540,500	610	7,151,500
Orkney	276	2,484,000	25	325,000	5	97,500	306	2,906,500
Perth & Kinross	1,044	9,396,000	167	2,171,000	73	1,423,500	1,284	12,990,500
Renfrewshire	212	1,908,000	129	1,677,000	57	1,111,500	398	4,696,500
Scottish Borders	867	7,782,000	118	1,534,000	30	582,250	1,015	9,898,250
Shetland	133	1,197,000	34	442,000	15	292,500	182	1,931,500
South Ayrshire	360	3,243,000	106	1,378,000	45	877,500	511	5,498,500
South Lanarkshire	304	2,728,000	198	2,534,000	57	1,111,500	559	6,373,500
Stirling	514	4,626,250	149	1,937,000	59	1,150,500	722	7,713,750
West Dunbartonshire	152	1,368,000	60	780,000	29	565,500	241	2,713,500
West Lothian	250	2,250,000	102	1,326,000	39	760,500	391	4,336,500
Scotland	18,648	167,694,950	5,441	70,692,000	2,170	42,330,500	26,259	280,717,450

2.3.3 Restart Grant payments by Local Authority- Small Accommodation

Small Accommodation Providers Paying Council Tax were paid restart grants and SFBF equivalent payments to 1,413 premises and were paid a total of £12,670,000.

Table 8: Restart Grant and Transitional Payments by Local Authority for Small Accommodation Providers Paying Council Tax paid up to 19 April 2021 (including SFBF equivalent payment and restart grant)

Local Authority	Premise paid	Paid as % of eligible	Total paid
	Number	%	Value (£)
Aberdeen City	12	100%	108,000
Aberdeenshire	29	100%	261,000
Angus	23	100%	207,000
Argyll & Bute	103	100%	927,000
Clackmannanshire	3	100%	27,000
Dumfries & Galloway	42	100%	378,000
Dundee	-	-	-
East Ayrshire	11	100%	99,000
East Dunbartonshire	2	100%	18,000
East Lothian	17	100%	153,000
East Renfrewshire	2	100%	18,000
Edinburgh	98	100%	882,000
Falkirk	9	100%	81,000
Fife ¹	68	101%	612,000
Glasgow	66	100%	594,000
Highland	627	100%	5,643,000
Inverclyde	3	100%	27,000
Midlothian	4	100%	36,000
Moray	50	100%	450,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	64	100%	576,000
North Ayrshire	24	100%	216,000
North Lanarkshire	8	100%	72,000
Orkney	30	100%	270,000
Perth & Kinross	48	98%	432,000
Renfrewshire	-	-	-
Scottish Borders ¹	36	106%	316,000
Shetland	17	100%	153,000
South Ayrshire	10	100%	90,000
South Lanarkshire	6	86%	54,000
Stirling ²	-	-	-
West Dunbartonshire	7	100%	63,000
West Lothian	9	100%	81,000
Scotland	1,428	96%	12,844,000

Footnote: Small accommodation providers who pay council tax are paid at the following rate: a one-off grant of £9,000 (£1,000 SFBF Supplement + £8,000 Business Restart Grant)

In a minority of cases payment rates may vary from this (such as premise permanent closures). Eligibility is estimated as those previously receiving wave 1 to 3 of the small accommodations paying council tax

1) in these cases, eligibility is apparently exceeded. This will likely be due to small anomalies in the data set that still need resolved.

- the discrepancy are typically a small number of venues, and are possibly accounted for by the data being of slightly different dates

2) Stirling could not provide data at this time

3. Local Restrictions Funds

In total £6,603,200 has been paid out businesses in the 14 local authorities that remained in Protection level 2 from 5 June (**Tables 9a and 9b**).

An additional £388,600 has been paid to Moray and £2,308,275 to Glasgow that remained in Protection level 3 (**Table 9c**).

In total this scheme has paid £9,300,075 to businesses as of 25 June 2021.

Protection Level 2

Table 9a: Local Restriction Funds as of 25 June - Level 2 restrictions by Rateable Value

Local Authority	RV ≤ 51k		RV > 51k		Total	
	Premises paid		Premises paid		Premises paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Clackmannanshire	67	70,350	4	6,975	71	77,325
Dundee	272	281,850	61	81,525	333	363,375
East Ayrshire	194	204,150	26	40,950	220	245,100
East Dunbartonshire	82	86,550	10	15,750	92	102,300
East Renfrewshire	102	107,650	6	8,925	108	116,575
Edinburgh	1,208	1,269,750	319	502,425	1,527	1,772,175
Glasgow	1,245	1,307,600	306	482,775	1,551	1,790,375
Midlothian	96	101,700	18	28,350	114	130,050
North Ayrshire	236	249,150	22	34,650	258	283,800
North Lanarkshire	254	269,400	50	80,100	304	349,500
Renfrewshire	726	255,000	128	67,875	854	322,875
South Ayrshire	243	256,500	34	54,225	277	310,725
South Lanarkshire	355	371,450	47	74,175	402	445,625
Stirling	211	220,950	45	72,450	256	293,400
Scotland	5,291	5,052,050	1,076	1,551,150	6,367	6,603,200

Table 9b: Local Restriction Funds as of 25 June - Level 2 restrictions by fund

Local Authority	Closure Grants		Restrictions Grants	
	Premises paid		Premises paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Clackmannanshire	1	2,250	70	75,075
Dundee	2	3,750	331	359,625
East Ayrshire	1	1,500	219	243,600
East Dunbartonshire	1	1,500	91	100,800
East Renfrewshire	2	3,000	106	113,575
Edinburgh	3	4,500	1,524	1,767,675
Glasgow	9	15,000	1,542	1,775,375
Midlothian	2	3,000	112	127,050
North Ayrshire	3	4,500	255	279,300
North Lanarkshire	8	13,500	296	336,000
Renfrewshire	9	5,250	845	317,625
South Ayrshire	4	6,750	273	303,975
South Lanarkshire	5	7,250	397	438,375
Stirling	1	1,500	255	291,900
Scotland	51	73,250	6,316	6,529,950

Protection Level 3**Table 9c: Local Restriction Funds as of 25 June - Level 3 restrictions by Rateable Value**

Local Authority	RV ≤ 51k		RV > 51k		Total	
	Premises paid		Premises paid		Premises paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Glasgow	1,587	1,612,650	432	695,625	2,019	2,308,275
Moray	621	363,800	31	24,800	652	388,600
Total	2,208	1,976,450	463	720,425	2,671	2,696,875

4. Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up Grants

Under the 'Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up Grants' scheme a total of £238,539,500 has been paid to businesses. These funds have been paid to 33,681 premises, which accounts for 96% of businesses that are estimated to be eligible for top ups.

Of the 29 eligible Local Authorities 28 have reached 95% or more of eligible premises, The Highlands is the exception to this with a payment rate of 59%. 26 Local Authorities have reached 100% of eligible businesses.

Table 10: Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up payments as of 25 June

Local Authority	Eligible premise	Eligible premise paid		Total paid (£)
		Number	%	
Aberdeen	1,086	1,086	100%	8,522,000
Aberdeenshire	1,229	1,229	100%	8,415,950
Angus	725	725	100%	4,543,400
Argyll & Bute	756	756	100%	5,153,000
Clackmannanshire	286	286	100%	1,819,000
Dumfries & Galloway	1,214	1,214	100%	8,026,000
Dundee	994	994	100%	5,524,900
East Ayrshire	713	713	100%	4,791,750
East Dunbartonshire	452	452	100%	2,929,000
East Lothian	573	542	95%	3,713,000
East Renfrewshire	339	339	100%	2,173,000
Edinburgh	3,836	3,836	100%	30,420,000
Falkirk	818	818	100%	5,593,000
Fife	2,380	2,380	100%	16,065,000
Glasgow	4,832	4,832	100%	35,810,000
Highland	3,553	2,087	59%	14,822,000
Inverclyde	395	395	100%	2,531,000
Midlothian	334	334	100%	2,325,000
Moray	618	618	100%	4,129,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar*	-	-	-	0
North Ayrshire	1,110	1,110	100%	9,667,000
North Lanarkshire	1,386	1,386	100%	9,538,000
Orkney*	-	-	-	0
Perth & Kinross	1,065	1,029	97%	8,306,000
Renfrewshire	961	961	100%	6,790,000
Scottish Borders	1,044	1,044	100%	6,658,000
Shetland*	-	-	-	0
South Ayrshire	862	861	100%	5,921,000
South Lanarkshire	1,498	1,498	100%	9,495,500
Stirling	815	815	100%	5,841,000
West Dunbartonshire	456	456	100%	3,208,000
West Lothian	885	885	100%	5,809,000
Scotland	35,215	33,681	96%	238,539,500

*Na h-Eileanan Siar, Orkney, and Shetland do not receive this funding and are instead paid under the Island Equivalent Payment top up (see [Section 5](#))

5. Island Equivalent Payments and Top Up

Under the Island Equivalent Payments (IEP) scheme £8,644,700 has been paid to 1,660 premises. An additional £4,068,000 has been paid to 605 premises through IEP top ups, for a total payment of £12,712,700 across the scheme.

Of the 2,652 premises applying for IEP 92% have been approved, 8% rejected, deferred or referred, no applications are await processing. For the IEP top up an estimated 87% of eligible premises have been paid.

Table 11 a: Summary of Island Equivalent Payments as of 25 June

Local Authority	Total applications	Number approved	Approved (%)	Rejected/referred/deferred (%)	Processing (%)	Premise paid	Premise paid as % of accepted	Total paid (£)
Argyll & Bute	611	611	100%	0%	0%	559	91%	3,146,100
Highland	46	46	100%	0%	0%	23	50%	149,400
Na H-Eileanan Siar	1,302	1,214	93%	7%	0%	563	46%	1,065,600
Orkney	467	395	85%	15%	0%	330	84%	3,175,600
Shetland	227	185	81%	19%	0%	185	100%	1,108,000
Scotland	2,653	2,451	92%	8%	0%	1660	68%	8,644,700

Table 11 b: Summary of Island Equivalent Payments Top Up as of 25 June

Local Authority	Eligible premise	Eligible premise paid	% of eligible premises paid	Total paid (£)
Argyll & Bute	103	103	100%	716,000
Highland	41	6	15%	39,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	196	196	100%	1,293,000
Orkney	198	152	77%	991,000
Shetland	154	148	96%	1,029,000
Scotland	692	605	87%	4,068,000

6. Taxi and private hire driver support funds

6.1 March 2021 fund - Local authority level eligibility and payments

Under the 'Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund' a total of £32,757,500 has been paid out to 21,838 drivers (65% of the 33,767⁹ eligible drivers) as of 25 June 2021. Local Authorities contacted 99% of eligible drivers to verify their eligibility for funding. 70% of all eligible drivers submitted an application for processing. A budget of £57,000,000 is available for this fund, and payments so far have used 57% of this budget.

Table 12: Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund (March 2021) by local authority as of 25 June

Local Authority	Eligible drivers	Percentage of eligible drivers who have:			Total paid (£)
		Been contacted	Returned app.	Been paid	
Aberdeen	1,197	100%	81%	73%	1,306,500
Aberdeenshire	1,381	100%	11%	6%	117,000
Angus	254	100%	79%	56%	214,500
Argyll & Bute	410	100%	60%	58%	357,500
Clackmannanshire	118	100%	80%	75%	133,500
Dumfries & Galloway	459	95%	61%	58%	402,000
Dundee	1,010	100%	96%	90%	1,371,000
East Ayrshire	363	100%	86%	71%	385,500
East Dunbartonshire	600	100%	72%	71%	637,500
East Lothian	309	100%	49%	45%	210,000
East Renfrewshire	543	100%	67%	63%	516,000
Edinburgh	6,185	100%	84%	71%	6,618,000
Falkirk	584	100%	79%	79%	688,500
Fife	1,490	100%	74%	74%	1,647,000
Glasgow	7,022	100%	70%	66%	6,996,000
Highland	975	100%	53%	48%	703,500
Inverclyde	554	100%	69%	68%	567,000
Midlothian	295	100%	57%	57%	250,500
Moray	313	100%	33%	28%	133,500
Na H-Eileanan Siar	156	100%	61%	61%	142,500
North Ayrshire	482	100%	69%	64%	463,500
North Lanarkshire	2,519	100%	67%	61%	2,311,500
Orkney	108	100%	49%	49%	79,500
Perth & Kinross	545	100%	58%	56%	460,500
Renfrewshire	1,324	100%	82%	76%	1,515,000
Scottish Borders	289	100%	77%	74%	319,500
Shetland	311	100%	29%	28%	132,000
South Ayrshire	504	100%	88%	78%	586,500
South Lanarkshire	1,956	100%	74%	70%	2,047,500
Stirling	308	100%	73%	69%	318,000
West Dunbartonshire	450	100%	83%	78%	526,500
West Lothian	753	55%	55%	53%	600,000
Scotland	33,767	99%	70%	65%	32,757,500

⁹ This figure is an estimate based on the number of eligible drivers each Local Authority reported that they have in their area.

6.1.1 Rejection reasons

Of the 23,805 applications received, 2,039 applications (9%) were rejected. The reason for these rejections is summarised below, the majority of rejections were due to failure to provide supporting evidence (42%), with duplicate applications (38%) also being a major reason.

Table 13: Scotland level rejections and reasons from Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund (March 2021) as of 25 June

Total rejections	Total eligible drivers	Rejected as % of eligible drivers	Applications received	Rejected as % of applications received
2,039	33,767	6%	23,805	9%

Rejection reasons

Reason	Rejections	% of rejections
Failure to supply supporting evidence	863	42%
Licensed by different LA	17	1%
Expired or Suspended License	187	9%
Duplicate application	773	38%
Other	199	10%
Not reported	-	0%
Total rejections	2,039	100%

6.2 June 2021 fund- Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operators Fund

In total 20,456 drivers have been paid a total of £30,684,000 as part of the 'Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operators Fund' paid during June 2021. This total accounts only for the funds of £1,500 paid to drivers. Local authorities are making payments to operators during June and July 2021, this data will be reported at a later date.

Table 14: Taxi and private hire driver support fund (June 2021) by Local Authority as of 25 June

Local Authority	Number of drivers received payment	Total paid (£)
Aberdeen	862	1,293,000
Aberdeenshire	65	97,500
Angus	143	214,500
Argyll & Bute	234	351,000
Clackmannanshire	87	130,500
Dumfries & Galloway	261	391,500
Dundee	896	1,344,000
East Ayrshire	253	379,500
East Dunbartonshire	412	618,000
East Lothian	128	192,000
East Renfrewshire	344	516,000
Edinburgh	4,412	6,618,000
Falkirk	459	688,500
Fife*	-	0
Glasgow	4,663	6,994,500
Highland	462	693,000
Inverclyde	360	540,000
Midlothian	161	241,500
Moray	89	133,500
Na H-Eileanan Siar	95	142,500
North Ayrshire	313	469,500
North Lanarkshire	1,510	2,265,000
Orkney*	-	0
Perth & Kinross	307	460,500
Renfrewshire	997	1,495,500
Scottish Borders	201	301,500
Shetland	85	127,500
South Ayrshire	377	565,500
South Lanarkshire	1,334	2,001,000
Stirling	202	303,000
West Dunbartonshire	350	525,000
West Lothian	394	591,000
Scotland	20,456	30,684,000

* Fife and Orkney were unable to provide figures at this time

7. Local Authority Discretionary Fund

Under the Local Authority Discretionary fund £92,394,065 has been paid to 22,902 premises. Of the 28,539 premises applying; 77% have been accepted, 22% rejected, referred or deferred, and 1% are still to be processed. The main reasons for rejections were inability to fully evidence criteria for fund, or eligible for a different fund instead (e.g. Newly Self Employed Hardship Fund or Mobile and Home Based Close Contact Services).

Table 15: Summary of Local Authority Discretionary fund payments as of 25 June

Local Authority	Total Premise applying	Number approved	Approved (%)	Rejected/referred/deferred (%)	Processing (%)	Premise paid	Premise paid- % accepted	Total paid (£)
Aberdeen	1,063	607	57%	43%	0%	606	100%	3,043,500
Aberdeenshire	1,240	979	79%	21%	0%	979	100%	5,151,845
Angus	401	293	73%	26%	1%	293	100%	1,747,500
Argyll & Bute	377	248	66%	33%	1%	312	126%	2,300,312
Clackmannanshire	206	125	61%	39%	0%	125	100%	562,000
Dumfries & Galloway	1,052	624	59%	41%	0%	614	98%	3,780,000
Dundee	1,411	1,202	85%	15%	0%	1,202	100%	2,346,000
East Ayrshire	456	313	69%	24%	8%	299	96%	1,794,000
East Dunbartonshire	437	307	70%	29%	1%	307	100%	1,842,000
East Lothian	477	353	74%	26%	0%	352	100%	1,950,050
East Renfrewshire	267	133	50%	49%	1%	133	100%	256,000
Edinburgh	6,721	5,812	86%	14%	0%	5,812	100%	11,709,000
Falkirk	849	600	71%	29%	0%	600	100%	2,448,000
Fife	1,896	1,600	84%	16%	0%	1,600	100%	6,400,000
Glasgow*	3,432	2,729	80%	19%	2%	2,729	100%	14,565,000
Highland	1,198	887	74%	26%	0%	887	100%	3,471,132
Inverclyde	251	208	83%	17%	0%	208	100%	1,029,500
Midlothian	305	178	58%	41%	1%	178	100%	716,500
Moray	846	695	82%	18%	0%	695	100%	2,100,750
Na H-Eileanan Siar	157	95	61%	35%	4%	95	100%	470,000
North Ayrshire	367	271	74%	10%	16%	234	86%	1,160,000
North Lanarkshire	1,348	1,105	82%	18%	0%	1,105	100%	5,449,500
Orkney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perth & Kinross	616	533	87%	13%	0%	533	100%	2,882,000
Renfrewshire	597	370	62%	34%	5%	370	100%	1,640,000
Scottish Borders	490	425	87%	13%	0%	425	100%	3,134,000
Shetland	115	62	54%	46%	0%	62	100%	248,000
South Ayrshire	375	291	78%	20%	2%	291	100%	1,164,000
South Lanarkshire	669	473	71%	13%	16%	473	100%	1,521,000
Stirling	530	366	69%	31%	0%	366	100%	2,593,476
West Dunbartonshire	623	456	73%	27%	0%	444	97%	1,457,000
West Lothian	924	573	62%	37%	1%	573	100%	3,462,000
Scotland	29,696	22,913	77%	22%	1%	22,902	100%	92,394,065

Footnote: Orkney was at too early a stage in the schemes administration to be able to return statistics

* Glasgow City paid an additional £769,075 to 2018 premises (not included in this table, see [Section 1.7](#)). This was part of a supplementary top-up since Glasgow remained in protection level 3.

8. Contingency Plus

For the Contingency Plus payments a total of £5,391,250 has been paid to 345 Travel Agents, Breweries and Indoor Football Centres. The majority of these premises were Travel Agents.

Table 16: Summary of Contingency Plus Fund payments as of 25 June

Fund Type	Number of premise paid	Total paid (£)
Travel Agents	223	3,670,000
Breweries	101	1,516,250
Indoor Football Centres	10	205,000
Scotland	345	5,391,250

The following sections give a full breakdown by Local Authority and grant size (based on premise's Rateable Value)

Table 17 a: Contingency Plus: Travel Agents payments as of 25 June

Local Authority	Smaller premises paid ¹		Larger premises paid ²		Total premises paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen	3	30,000	8	200,000	11	230,000
Aberdeenshire	4	40,000	2	50,000	6	90,000
Angus	3	30,000	0	-	3	30,000
Argyll & Bute	3	30,000	0	-	3	30,000
Clackmannanshire	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000
Dumfries & Galloway	7	70,000	1	25,000	8	95,000
Dundee	5	50,000	3	75,000	8	125,000
East Ayrshire	4	40,000	0	-	4	40,000
East Dunbartonshire	2	20,000	2	50,000	4	70,000
East Lothian	3	30,000	0	-	3	30,000
East Renfrewshire	1	10,000	4	100,000	5	110,000
Edinburgh	9	90,000	12	290,000	21	380,000
Falkirk	4	40,000	3	75,000	7	115,000
Fife	8	80,000	7	175,000	15	255,000
Glasgow	23	230,000	14	350,000	37	580,000
Highland	5	50,000	3	75,000	8	125,000
Inverclyde	1	10,000	2	50,000	3	60,000
Midlothian	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000
Moray	2	20,000	2	50,000	4	70,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000
North Ayrshire	8	80,000	3	75,000	11	155,000
North Lanarkshire	6	60,000	2	50,000	8	110,000
Orkney	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000
Perth & Kinross	5	50,000	1	25,000	6	75,000
Renfrewshire	6	60,000	3	75,000	9	135,000
Scottish Borders	5	50,000	0	-	5	50,000
Shetland	0	-	0	-	0	-
South Ayrshire	8	80,000	5	125,000	13	205,000
South Lanarkshire	7	70,000	6	150,000	13	220,000
Stirling	2	20,000	2	50,000	4	70,000
West Dunbartonshire	1	10,000	2	50,000	3	60,000
West Lothian	4	40,000	3	75,000	7	115,000
Scotland	143	1,430,000	90	2,240,000	233	3,670,000

1) £10,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value of £18,000 or under

2) £25,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value over £18,000

(sometimes payments are less due to the business also receiving money from a different grant scheme)

Table 17 b: Contingency Plus: Breweries payments as of 25 June

Local Authority	Smaller premises paid ¹		Medium premises paid ²		Larger premises paid ³		Total premises paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen	0	-	0	-	1	30,000	1	30,000
Aberdeenshire	4	40,000	1	25,000	1	30,000	6	95,000
Angus	2	20,000	0	-	0	-	2	20,000
Argyll & Bute	2	20,000	0	-	1	30,000	3	50,000
Clackmannanshire	0	-	1	6,250	2	60,000	3	66,250
Dumfries & Galloway	3	30,000	0	-	0	-	3	30,000
Dundee	1	10,000	1	25,000	0	-	2	35,000
East Ayrshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
East Dunbartonshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
East Lothian	3	30,000	0	-	1	30,000	4	60,000
East Renfrewshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
Edinburgh	6	60,000	4	100,000	2	35,000	12	195,000
Falkirk	2	20,000	0	-	0	-	2	20,000
Fife	3	30,000	2	50,000	0	-	5	80,000
Glasgow	4	40,000	2	50,000	2	35,000	8	125,000
Highland	11	110,000	0	-	2	60,000	13	170,000
Inverclyde	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Midlothian	3	30,000	0	-	1	30,000	4	60,000
Moray	1	10,000	2	50,000	0	-	3	60,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
North Ayrshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
North Lanarkshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
Orkney	2	20,000	0	-	0	-	2	20,000
Perth & Kinross	7	70,000	0	-	1	30,000	8	100,000
Renfrewshire	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Scottish Borders	3	30,000	1	25,000	2	60,000	6	115,000
Shetland	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
South Ayrshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
South Lanarkshire	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
Stirling	2	20,000	1	25,000	0	-	3	45,000
West Dunbartonshire	1	10,000	0	-	1	30,000	2	40,000
West Lothian	1	10,000	0	-	0	-	1	10,000
Scotland	70	700,000	15	356,250	17	460,000	102	1,516,250

1) £10,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value of £18,000 or under

2) £25,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value between £18,001 and £51,000; or

3) £30,000 for brewers which operate from with a premises with rateable value over £51,000 or production over 5,000HL in 2019

(sometimes payments are less due to the business also receiving money from a different grant scheme)

Table 17 c: Contingency Plus: Indoor football payments as of 25 June

Local Authority	Smaller premises paid ¹		Larger Premises paid ²		Total premises paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Aberdeenshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Angus	0	-	0	-	0	-
Argyll & Bute	0	-	0	-	0	-
Clackmannanshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Dumfries & Galloway	0	-	0	-	0	-
Dundee	0	-	0	-	0	-
East Ayrshire	1	10,000	0	-	1	10,000
East Dunbartonshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
East Lothian	0	-	0	-	0	-
East Renfrewshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Edinburgh	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Falkirk	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Fife	0	-	0	-	0	-
Glasgow	0	-	2	50,000	2	50,000
Highland	0	-	0	-	0	-
Inverclyde	0	-	0	-	0	-
Midlothian	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Moray	0	-	0	-	0	-
Na H-Eileanan Siar	0	-	0	-	0	-
North Ayrshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
North Lanarkshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Orkney	0	-	0	-	0	-
Perth & Kinross	0	-	0	-	0	-
Renfrewshire	0	-	1	25,000	1	25,000
Scottish Borders	0	-	0	-	0	-
Shetland	0	-	0	-	0	-
South Ayrshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
South Lanarkshire	0	-	0	-	0	-
Stirling	0	-	0	-	0	-
West Dunbartonshire	2	20,000	0	-	2	20,000
West Lothian	0	-	0	-	0	-
Scotland	3	30,000	7	175,000	10	205,000

Footnotes: 1) £10,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value of £18,000 or under

2) £25,000 grant for a property from which they operate with a rateable value over £18,000 (sometimes payments are less due to the business also receiving money from a different grant scheme)

9. Exclusive Use Self Catering and Large Self Catering Grant

For Exclusive Use Properties that provide accommodation £206,000 has so far been paid to 23 premises and for 1,420 large self-catering properties £2,840,000 has been paid. In total this scheme has paid £3,046,000.

Table 18: Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant payments as of 25 June

Local Authority	Exclusive use premise paid		Self-catering premise paid		Total premise paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen	-	-	2	4,000	2	4,000
Aberdeenshire	-	-	52	104,000	52	104,000
Angus	1	10,000	39	78,000	40	88,000
Argyll & Bute	2	20,000	297	594,000	299	614,000
Clackmannanshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dumfries & Galloway	1	10,000	75	150,000	76	160,000
Dundee	-	-	3	6,000	3	6,000
East Ayrshire	1	10,000	10	20,000	11	30,000
East Dunbartonshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Lothian	7	64,000	25	50,000	32	114,000
East Renfrewshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh	-	-	25	50,000	25	50,000
Falkirk	-	-	5	10,000	5	10,000
Fife	-	-	52	104,000	52	104,000
Glasgow	-	-	2	4,000	2	4,000
Highland	2	20,000	397	794,000	399	814,000
Inverclyde	-	-	1	2,000	1	2,000
Midlothian	1	10,000	2	4,000	3	14,000
Moray	1	10,000	46	92,000	47	102,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	-	-	43	86,000	43	86,000
North Ayrshire	1	10,000	52	104,000	53	114,000
North Lanarkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orkney	-	-	13	26,000	13	26,000
Perth & Kinross	1	10,000	96	192,000	97	202,000
Renfrewshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scottish Borders	2	8,000	94	188,000	96	196,000
Shetland	-	-	15	30,000	15	30,000
South Ayrshire	1	10,000	25	50,000	26	60,000
South Lanarkshire	-	-	2	4,000	2	4,000
Stirling	-	-	33	66,000	33	66,000
West Dunbartonshire	1	4,000	6	12,000	7	16,000
West Lothian	1	10,000	8	16,000	9	26,000
Scotland	23	206,000	1,420	2,840,000	1,443	3,046,000

footnote: Some councils paid out at a lower rate, due to the premise having also received funds under the RHL top up scheme. The total received by the businesses are £10,000 for exclusive use and £2,000 for self-catering.

10. Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund

For 1,481 small accommodation providers who pay council tax a total of £8,830,000 has been paid (24% of this was in the first wave, 9% in the second wave and 68% in the third wave).

Table 19: Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund (SAP-CTF) – Wave 1, 2 and 3 payments as of 25 June

Local Authority	Wave 1 premise paid		Wave 2 premise paid		Wave 3 premise paid	
	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)	Number	Value (£)
Aberdeen	-	-	1	6,000	11	66,000
Aberdeenshire	3	18,000	1	6,000	25	144,000
Angus	5	30,000	2	12,000	16	96,000
Argyll & Bute	26	156,000	9	54,000	68	408,000
Clackmannanshire	1	6,000	2	12,000	-	-
Dumfries & Galloway	14	84,000	7	42,000	21	126,000
Dundee	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Ayrshire	3	18,000	2	12,000	6	36,000
East Dunbartonshire	1	6,000	-	-	1	6,000
East Lothian	4	24,000	2	12,000	11	66,000
East Renfrewshire	1	6,000	1	6,000	-	-
Edinburgh	8	48,000	3	18,000	87	522,000
Falkirk	2	12,000	-	-	7	42,000
Fife	13	78,000	5	30,000	49	294,000
Glasgow	-	-	1	6,000	65	390,000
Highland	152	912,000	61	366,000	417	2,500,000
Inverclyde	-	-	1	6,000	2	12,000
Midlothian	3	18,000	-	-	1	6,000
Moray	13	78,000	3	18,000	34	204,000
Na H-Eileanan Siar	28	168,000	6	36,000	30	180,000
North Ayrshire	5	30,000	2	12,000	17	102,000
North Lanarkshire	1	6,000	-	-	7	42,000
Orkney	9	54,000	6	36,000	15	90,000
Perth & Kinross	11	66,000	5	30,000	33	198,000
Renfrewshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scottish Borders	11	54,000	3	14,000	20	108,000
Shetland	6	36,000	-	-	11	66,000
South Ayrshire	6	36,000	-	-	4	24,000
South Lanarkshire	2	12,000	-	-	5	30,000
Stirling	16	96,000	4	16,000	31	174,000
West Dunbartonshire	1	6,000	3	18,000	3	18,000
West Lothian	3	18,000	3	18,000	3	18,000
Scotland	348	2,076,000	133	786,000	1,000	5,968,000

11. Top Up Payments To Licensed Bingo Clubs And Casinos as of 25 June

This scheme has paid a total of £2,850,000 to 57 'Licensed Bingo Clubs And Casinos'

Table 20: Top Up Payments To Licensed Bingo Clubs And Casinos as of 25 June

Local Authority	Premise paid	Value paid (£)
Aberdeen	1	50,000
Aberdeenshire	-	-
Angus	-	-
Argyll & Bute	-	-
Clackmannanshire	-	-
Dumfries & Galloway	-	-
Dundee	-	-
East Ayrshire	-	-
East Dunbartonshire	-	-
East Lothian	-	-
East Renfrewshire	-	-
Edinburgh	1	50,000
Falkirk	12	600,000
Fife	-	-
Glasgow	22	1,100,000
Highland	10	500,000
Inverclyde	-	-
Midlothian	-	-
Moray	-	-
Na H-Eileanan Siar	-	-
North Ayrshire	-	-
North Lanarkshire	6	300,000
Orkney	-	-
Perth & Kinross	3	150,000
Renfrewshire	1	50,000
Scottish Borders	1	50,000
Shetland	-	-
South Ayrshire	-	-
South Lanarkshire	-	-
Stirling	-	-
West Dunbartonshire	-	-
West Lothian	-	-
Scotland	57	2,850,000

12. Methodology

12.1 Data collection

Each Local Authority in Scotland has recorded information relating to applications received for the Strategic Framework Business Fund. Local Authorities in Scotland are the owners of these data.

Scottish Government asked all Local Authorities in Scotland to provide the following information, via a standardised excel template, for publication purposes;

- Number of applications received
- Number of applications awaiting processing
- Number of applications rejected
- Number of applications referred or deferred
- Number of applications accepted (and therefore a grant awarded)
- Value of grants awarded

Scottish Government asked that this information be provided for both grants and business sectors, and within each fund for the information to be further split by rateable value (less than/equal to £51k and over £51k). The SFBF scheme closed on 22 March 2021, so this information includes reconciliations (collected as of 25 June 2021).

We additionally collect basic summary information on several other grant schemes that are administered by the Local Authorities. Information for the following schemes is as of 25 June:

- Hospitality, Retail and Leisure Top Up grant;
- Island Equivalent Payments and Top Up;
- Local Authority Discretionary Fund and Top Up;
- Taxi and Private Hire Driver Support Fund;
- Contingency Plus: Travel Agents;
- Contingency Plus: Brewers;
- Contingency Plus: Indoor Football Centres;
- Exclusive Use and Large Self Catering Grant;
- Small Accommodation Providers paying Council Tax Fund;
- Top up Payments to Licensed Bingo Clubs and Casinos;
- Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operators Fund.

This information is returned monthly from each of the 32 local authorities, and then collated and quality assured. Information about estimated number of eligible premises for these funds also come from this data set.

12.2 Data reporting

The information received from each Local Authority was amalgamated into a single dataset. This dataset was drawn from the templates received and aimed to create national level figures. There are some caveats to this approach;

- Total premises applying is estimated by summing together accepted, rejected, referred/deferred premises and then adding the total number of applications

pending processing to this total. This will be a slight undercount as a processing application may have more than one premise listed on it. As the number of processing applications decreases the total premises applying will tend towards the true value.

- While at this stage almost all payments have been made the data set is still not entirely finalised. There is a small number of processing applications and referred/deferred cases that are pending resolution. A revision will be issued when this data is resolved.

12.3 Data Quality

Strategic Framework Business Fund:

- Some councils have not yet finalised the fund. South Ayrshire are completing their investigation and review process. South Lanarkshire have completed the review/investigation and are in the process of making payments.

Restart Grant and Transitional Payments:

- Some councils could not provide a full account of the data. Stirling council Stirling were unable to provide information on the number of Restart Grants paid to Small Accommodation Providers Paying Council Tax
- Some premises received the SFBF transitional payments, but not the restart grants for example if a business was sold or closed between the final SFBF payment on 22 March and the transitional payment on 19 April.
- The Restart grant and transitional payments were used by some local authorities to manage over and under payments from other funds. The exact payment amounts to some businesses therefore differ from the standard grant value.
- In some local authorities more premises were paid the Restart Grant and Transitional Payments than were eligible. This is due to differences in payment dates and reporting between the top up and the SFBF. These differences should be resolved in future updates.

Taxi and Private Hire Driver and Operators Fund:

- Some councils could not provide a full account of the data for drivers at this time.
- Payments to Operators were made during June and July 2021 and will be reported on in future management information publications [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): business support funding statistics - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-business-support-funding-statistics-2021-2022/pages/1-1-taxi-and-private-hire-driver-and-operators-fund.aspx)

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