

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) update from Cllr Gareth Roberts 26 March 2020**

**Cllr Gareth Roberts:** Good evening, we've just watched the Chancellor's statement regarding the additional assistance which is going to be made to the self-employed. I know that there are many people that live in this borough that are self-employed and are feeling the pinch at the moment so this announcement will come for many of you as welcome news. For more information you can go onto [businesssupport.gov.uk](https://businesssupport.gov.uk) to find out how you can qualify. For those smaller businesses which are still waiting for details regarding the cash grants from the government, we are waiting for the cash to land in our account and then we will start making those payments. What you can do now is to go onto the Council website and register if you think you are eligible for one of those cash grants. I know that there are lots of questions that you have about business and finances, about many issues regarding this coronavirus pandemic. I will be hosting a Facebook live event, on Tuesday 31 March. Full details are on the Council website. Please do forward your questions - I will do as much as I can to answer them. I can't go into personal details on questions, but broad, general questions I can. So, submit your questions. Thank you.