

## **Business Support Scheme**

The Prime Minister announced on 17 February 2014 a new scheme to support all small and medium sized business, ie having under 250 staff and a turnover of less than €50 million (approx. £44million), in flood affected areas that have been impacted by the floods and suffered a significant loss of trade.

Dover District Council has been allocated £12,500 from the £10million fund.

The following businesses can benefit from this grant

- businesses affected by coastal and inland flooding since 1st December 2013
- businesses that have sustained hardship and significant loss of trade as a result of the floods
- businesses that have suffered direct damage and loss to premises, equipment and/or stock and has been unable to trade normally as a result of flooding
- businesses that have suffered indirect damage, that is had no or highly limited access to premises, damage to equipment and/or stock as a result of flooding, restricted access to customers and suppliers, and suffered significant loss of trade

The funding is for the impacts of flooding from the recent adverse weather conditions and not, for instance, from the failure of a water main, internal water systems or the failure of a sewerage system (unless the failure was itself caused by the adverse weather conditions).

### How to make a claim

1. Contact Sue Carr on 01304 872322 or [sue.carr@dover.gov.uk](mailto:sue.carr@dover.gov.uk)
2. You will be asked to provide details of the damage incurred and how this has impacted your business.
3. Your claim will be assessed and a grant payment made if successful.

A Government Business Support Helpline is providing comprehensive advice and support to businesses affected by floods. The Helpline will offer a free 1 hour call with a dedicated Business Support Advisor to help businesses get back on their feet. The helpline number is 0300 456 3565