



Rural England Prosperity Fund Subsidy Control Declaration

As of the 4 January 2023, the UK Subsidy Control Act 2022 came fully into force. This replaces the previous arrangements of the Trade & Co-operation Agreement (TCA) and, prior to that, EU State Aid. With the withdrawal from the EU, the EU State Aid regulations no longer apply to the UK (except for some limited exceptions regarding the Northern Ireland Protocol & Structural Funds).

As a result of the Subsidy Control Act 2022 ("the Act"), any financial assistance from the public sector towards businesses and/or trading operations is strictly controlled.

The Act restricts how the Council can provide grants/ financial assistance to businesses/trading operations and imposes strict limits.

The Council must consider the subsidy control principles of the Act before making a subsidy. However, the Act allows grants or financial awards of up to £315,000 per enterprise in a three-year period (current and two previous financial years). Financial awards to enterprises up to £315,000 are deemed "Minimum Financial Assistance".

Applicants are required to complete this declaration to make an application for grant funding. As part of the declaration applicants must state the full amount of aid, they have already received from any public source, and in any format, over the last 3 financial years. Please note that this is a change from the requirements of previous regulations. Please be explicit in your explanation of what the aid you received has been used for. You should include financial assistance from all public sources.

The following is not a comprehensive list of the possible forms of aid. However, it should give an indication of the most common forms of aid which you may have been given over the past three years. Potentially, any assistance from a public body might be an aid. Should you have any doubts on this matter, please contact the body from which the assistance was received:

- Grants from public bodies
- Loans from public bodies at favourable rates
- Loan guarantees from public bodies
- Business rate relief
- Differential tax benefits
- Grants from an investment trust (including charities) which may themselves have received the funds from a public body.
- Grants from a part publicly funded venture capital fund
- Publicly administered funds, even if the funds were originally not public such as the national lottery

- Landfill tax / Purchase of public land or property at a less than market rate
- Waiving or deferral of fees or interest normally due to a public body such as the waiving or deferral of rent or waiver of interest normally due on late payment of taxation or other costs to a public body
- Monopoly licences or guarantees of market share
- Advertising via a public channel such as a tourist board or state-owned television
- Consultancy advice provided either free or at a reduced rate
- Training provided either free or at a reduced rate
- Aid for investment in environmental projects
- Provision of a free or reduced rate feasibility study for research and development or other assistance with research and development
- Benefiting from the provision of infrastructure where your company/business was pre-identified as a beneficiary

False declarations will lead to the Council recovering the value of the assistance offered plus interest.

Please note: Where a business or company is part of a group, the declaration applies to the group for public sector support within the United Kingdom. Therefore, if you are a member of a group, please fill out the following for all the group entities.

The General Data Protection Regulation. GDPR (Regulation (EU) 2016/679)

At Stafford Borough Council we take your privacy seriously and the Council is the data controller. We will only use your personal information to process and determine your application for the Rural England Prosperity Fund which is administered by the Council and will share your application form and data with other departments in the Council as part of our due diligence processes and externally with the nominated representative on the independent appraisal panel.

Information you supply to us via email will be dealt with in line with data protection legislation. We will use your information to enable us to fulfil our duties in relation to your enquiry.

For more information on your data protection rights relating to the service to which your email relates, please see:

www.staffordbc.gov.uk/business-grant-applications-privacy-notice

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we are committed to protecting your personal data and processing it in a transparent and secure manner. When you provide your data as part of a grant application, we ensure that it is used only for the specific purposes outlined in the application, such as evaluating your eligibility and the potential impact of your project. We collect and process data lawfully, ensuring it is accurate, up-to-date, and necessary for the evaluation process. Your data will not be shared with third parties unless required for the fulfilment of the grant or as legally required.

We will keep you informed by the means of our monthly newsletter of any future upcoming grant or business support schemes, which we believe will be of interest to you. You have the right to opt out at any time and the right to access, correct, or delete your personal data at any time.

We implement appropriate security measures to protect your data and ensure its confidentiality. If you have any concerns regarding how your data is processed, you can contact us directly for clarification or to exercise your rights under GDPR.

Applicants should also note that, under section 33 of the Subsidy Control Act 2022, the Council is required to provide details of any awards / subsidies over the value of £100,000, including awards for Discretionary Business Rate Relief, on the National Transparency Database. The Council must include details of the name of the beneficiary of the award, and the amount of the award / subsidy.

Declaration

I declare that the amount of public subsidy aid or financial assistance received by the company / business over the last three years was:

Year and date aid was granted	Value of the aid	Which funding scheme did you receive the funds from?	What activity or item was the aid given for?	Was it under a notified scheme or block exemption? Please state below:
Date: Year 2022				
Date: Year 2023				
Date: Year 2024				
Date: Year 2025				
Total				

Signed:

(must be an officer able to bind the company/ business in legal agreements)

Name:

(BLOCK CAPITALS)

Position:

Company:

(Full legal name)

Date: