

## BID4Oban Corona Virus Update 9 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

We are trying to keep businesses update with the latest information regarding the outbreak of Corona Virus.

Today's update on supporting businesses:

I hope this email finds you safe and well. Apologies for no updates over the last few days, however, there has been no new information received. It is extremely important during this time to only send out information that is beneficial.

As of today, BID4Oban have made the decision to suspend levy collections until further notice. This is to ensure we are not adding additional expense to any business. We have been made aware of a COVID-19 BID Resilience Fund from the Scottish Government and will be communicating the purpose and dynamics of the scheme in due course. Further information will be released by the end of this week. Like many businesses we have applied for an emergency grant from Scottish Government. We are working with tourism organisations and are making the first steps in organising a marketing campaign for when we get out the other side of this crisis.

We are working with the Oban Times to find out how many businesses are trading, be it online, from home or can offer any help and support to the community. To this end if you could let me know and I will advise the Oban Times so your details can be published.

Argyll and Bute Council Update:

Please see link to all the support that Argyll and Bute Council are offering to business community and a wider range of services on offer. This is a one stop shop for local services:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/coronavirus-help-and-advice>

For all updates please visit our website:

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