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## **Greater Knysna Business Chamber statement on proposed 'danger pay' for Municipal employees**

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The Greater Knysna Business Chamber noted with concern that the Knysna Municipal Council has offered a once off ex-gratia COVID-19 allowance to the employees in an attempt to suspend the illegal strike which affected service delivery last week.

Although we understand the predicament the council was in as service delivery is of most importance, we believe that paying “danger pay” to these staff-members on top of their full pay during a time when the rest of the town struggled to survive and others lost their jobs is simply un-acceptable and unfair. Especially in the light that it will end up being the rate payer’s responsibility to pay the bill.

We will take this and other matters up with council in our next meeting with them.

*We call on you for our support as business owners in order to make a difference. The more businesses we represent the stronger our voice. If you have not yet signed up, please do so urgently.*

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