

# CURRENT LOCKDOWN ECONOMIC IMPACTS

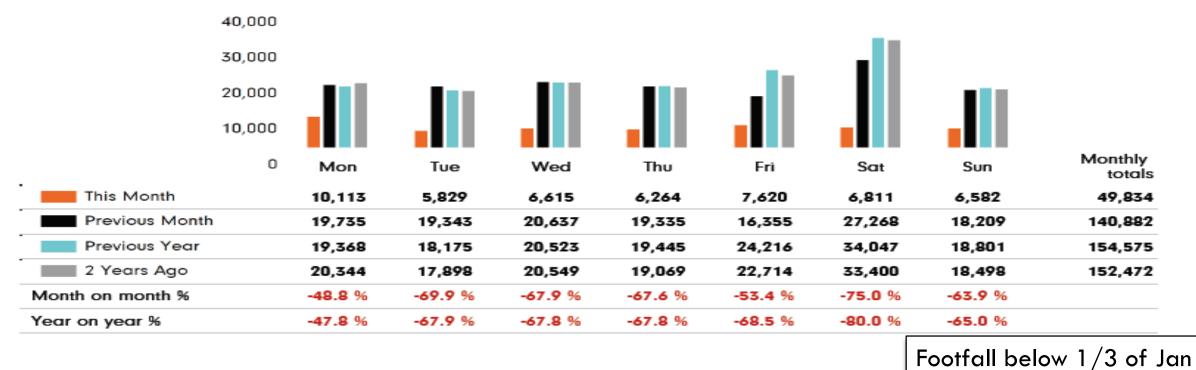
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### ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE CURRENT LOCKDOWN

- City centre footfall and spend
- Furloughing and employment
- The claimant count
- Business health (from national statistics)
- Key emerging issues from the business community

#### Footfall by day

The figures shown below are calculated using weekly averages.



#### Footfall by hour

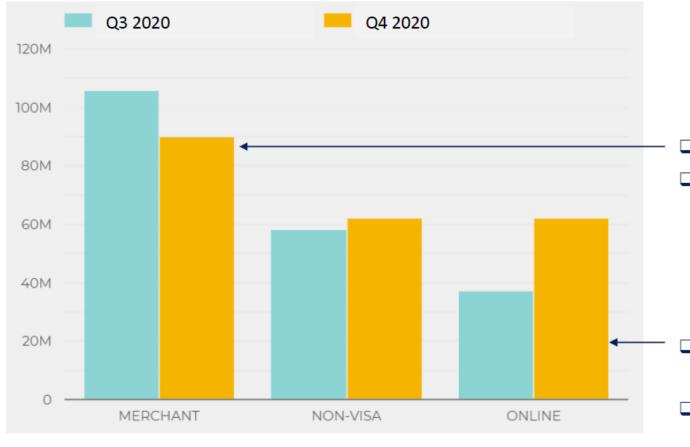
The figures shown below are calculated using a weekly average lockdown — Thu — Fri — Sat — Sun — Tue — Wed Monday the busiest day of 1,200 1,000 the week... 800 600 400 200 0 1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 9:00 11:00 19:00 21:00 23:00 17:00 13:00 15:00 22.00 2.00 4.00 12.00 14.00 20.00

2020 – similar to first

### **Spend**

#### Spend in 'bricks and mortar' substantially down compared to a 'normal' Christmas

Graph: 2020 Q3 vs Q4 spend for Visa merchant, non Visa & Visa online



December spend 39% down on 2019 – retailers didn't recover their losses from earlier in the year.

Spring will be difficult.

- Visa merchant for Q4 £89.9m, 15% down on Q3
- Visa merchant for Q4 2019 was £146m, suggesting city centre businesses witnessed a -39% drop in spend compared to normal Christmas trading period

- Those living in York City centre increased their online spending in Q4 to £62m a 40.3% rise from Q3.
- ☐ Online spend across the quarters; Q1 =£9m, Q2 = £31m, Q3 = £37m, Q4 = £62m. Online spend in Q4 590% up on Q1 2020

#### Notes:

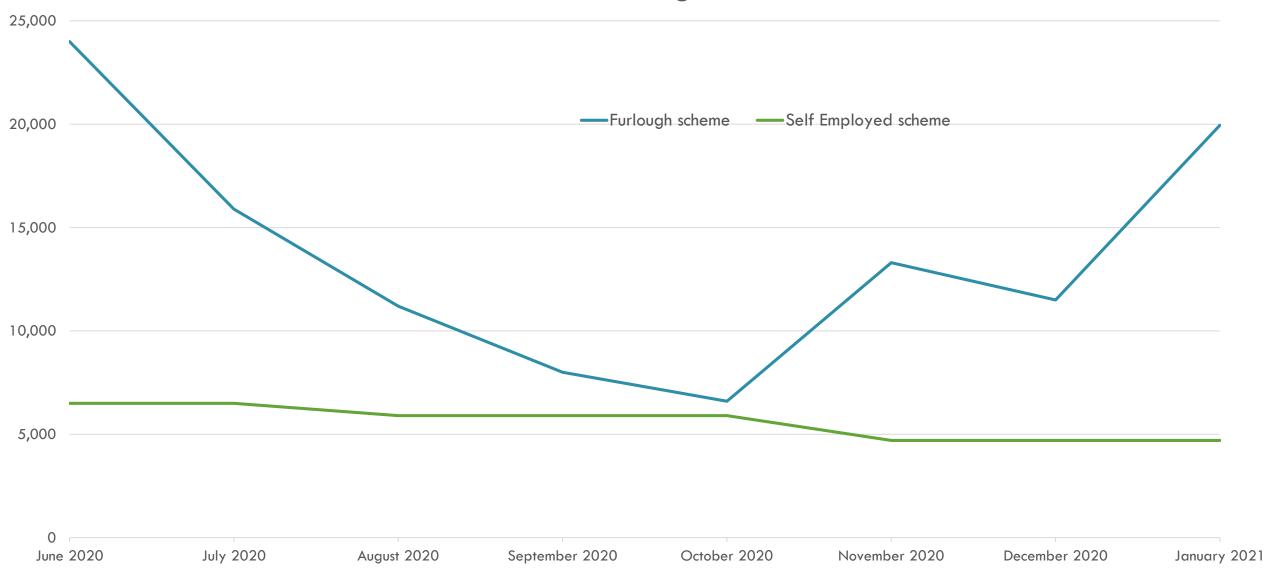
- York city centre, defined as YO1 postcode (circa 1km radius from the centre).
- □ Note that UK entered full lockdown during November 2020, with only non-essential retail allowed to open in the city centre.
- ☐ Merchant data = Visa spend in store / Non Visa = other card providers / online = internet spend for people living in YO1 postcode

## More people in York are claiming unemployment benefits than at any time for 25 years





## 25,000 York residents receiving income and wage subsidies



## BUSINESS HEALTH (NATIONAL PICTURE)

- Overall, 71% of businesses are currently trading
- In hospitality just 34% are trading (lowest since lockdown 1)
- 17% of employees are furloughed level last seen in July 2020
- 15% of businesses don't expect to survive the next 3 months
- 34% of the workforce are working remotely

# KEY EMERGING ISSUES FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- Mental health business owners under significant stress, as are employees
- Financial risk lost income, loans due, businesses are under great pressure
- Likely impacts on employment flow from financial pressures (risk to those furloughed)
- Working patterns (homeworking and hours) likely to continue and become normal practice