

1. Extend Non Domestic Rates Discretionary Public House relief into 2018/2019 (Pages 1 - 2)

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

This is a record of a decision taken by the officers under delegated powers and where necessary taken in consultation with members and officers.

Delegated Power

Cabinet: 1 August 2017
Minute CAB41(4):

Delegated authority is given to the Council's s151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree any Non Domestic Rate Relief schemes where the eligibility criteria are specified by Central Government and the cost is met in full by Central Government through a Grant.

Decision Taken

To extend the Non Domestic Rates Discretionary Public House relief available in 2017/2018 into 2018/2019.

Reasons for the Decision

A £1,000 discount for public houses with a rateable value under £100,000 was announced as part of a package of Non Domestic Reliefs following the 2017 revaluation.

At the Autumn Budget 2017 the Government announced the scheme for public houses is extended for a further year into 2018/2019, and that funding would be paid on the same basis as the 2017/2018 scheme. As the eligibility criteria are set by central government, and the cost is met in full, this extension can be agreed under delegated powers.

Options considered

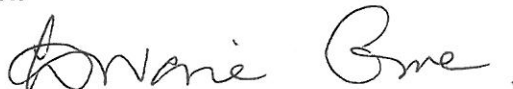
Not applicable

Any declarations of interest and details of any dispensations granted in respect of interests.

Not applicable

Authorisation

Signature



Date

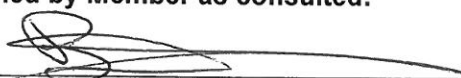
28 November 2017

Consultation with members/officers

If the decision is taken following consultation with the members/officers, please give details:

Consultation with the Council Leader, Councillor Brian Long

Signed by Member as consulted:



Date

19/12/17.

Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Borough Council of
King's Lynn &
West Norfolk



Name of policy/service/function	Non Domestic Rates Relief scheme for Public Houses				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?	Existing				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service rigidly constrained by statutory obligations	The relief scheme awards a £1,000 discount for public houses with a rateable value under £100,000. It began in 2017/2018 and is now extended into 2018/2019				
Question	Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			√	
	Disability			√	
	Gender			√	
	Gender Re-assignment			√	
	Marriage/civil partnership			√	
	Pregnancy & maternity			√	
	Race			√	
	Religion or belief			√	
	Sexual orientation			√	
Other (eg low income)			√		
Question	Answer	Comments			
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	No				
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	No				
4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	No				
<p>5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section</p>	N/A	Actions:			
		Actions agreed by EWG member:			
Assessment completed by: Name Joanne Stanton					
Job title Revenues and Benefits Manager	Date 27 November 2017				