

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 implement the government's extension of Non Domestic Rates Transitional Relief scheme and Supporting Small Business Relief schemes for 2022/2023. These were announced in the Autumn Budget on 27 October 2021 and confirmed in the government guidance issued on 20 December 2021 which is available [here](#).

Reasons for the Decision

In October 2021 the Chancellor announced a one-year extension of the Transitional Relief scheme and Supporting Small Business Scheme due to the 2022 revaluation being postponed to 2023.

The Transitional Relief scheme imposes a cap on increases for small and medium sized properties as follows:

- Small properties (up to £20,000 RV) = 15%
- Medium properties (up to £100,000 RV) = 25%

In addition, the extension of the Supporting Small Business Relief scheme ensures that any ratepayer who lost Small Business Rate Relief or Mandatory Rural Rate Relief at the 2017 revaluation has their increase capped at 15% or £600, whichever is greater

The discount is discretionary and is awarded under s47 Local Government Finance Act 1988. Central government will reimburse local authorities with the full cost of awarding the discounts throughout 2022/2023 via a s31 grant.

As the eligibility criteria are set by central government, and the cost is met in full, these discounts can be agreed under existing delegated powers.

Options considered

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

Authorisation

Signature



Michelle Drewery, s151 Officer

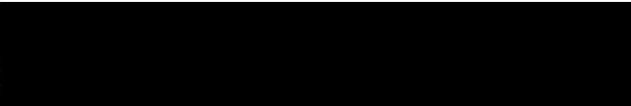
Date 13 January 2022

Consultation with members/officers

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

Consultation with the Council Leader, Councillor Stuart Dark

Signed by Member as consulted:



Councillor Stuart Dark

Date 26/1/22

Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Borough Council of
King's Lynn &
West Norfolk



Name of policy/service/function	Non Domestic Rates Transitional Relief scheme and Supporting Small Business Relief scheme for 2022/2023				
Is this a new or existing policy/ service/function?	New				
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 Transitional Relief scheme limits bills increases as a result of the revaluation. The Supporting Small Business Relief scheme limits increases for ratepayers who have lost reliefs as a result of the revaluation to 15% or £600.				
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:Jo Stanton.....			
Assessment completed by: Name Joanne Stanton					
Job title Revenues and Benefits Manager	Date 13 January 2022				