

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Record of decisions taken by the Leader of the Council at a meeting held in Committee Room 1, Woodgreen Offices, Witney, Oxon, on Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 9.00am

PRESENT

Councillor Mr B J Norton

Officers in Attendance: Mandy Fathers, Julie Maycock, Frank Wilson and Simon Wright

7. NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions taken at the meeting held on 14 January 2015 was signed by the Leader of the Council.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that being of the opinion that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the public were present during the following item of business there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)), the public be excluded from the meeting

9. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

The report of the Joint Head of Revenues and Housing Support containing exempt information in respect of renewal applications and a new application for Discretionary Rate Relief for the 2015/16 business rates year was received.

It was reported that the applicant for application 1.01 was looking to redevelop the site with a new facility. If development was undertaken in the forthcoming year then the financial implications would be less than in the report.

Mr Norton sought clarification of the frequency for considering rate relief applications, the criteria for applications and changes in legislation that impacted on the level of relief that could be awarded.

DECISIONS:

That the following level of Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded in respect of the applications set out below:

Application Number	Percentage of Discretionary Rate Relief
1.01	20%
1.02	20%
1.03	20%
1.04	20%
1.05	50%
1.06	20%
1.07	20%

Application Number	Percentage of Discretionary Rate Relief
1.08	20%
1.09	20%
1.10	20%
1.11	20%
1.12	20%
1.13	20%
1.14	20%
1.15	20%
1.16	20%
1.17	20%
1.18	20%
2.01	20%

REASONS: The awards made were considered to support the Council's vision and priorities. The level of relief granted reflected the financial circumstances of the applicant and the extent to which their objectives reflected those of the Local Authority.

OPTIONS: The level of recommended Discretionary Rate Relief was detailed in the appendix to the report.

The meeting closed at 9.05am

Leader of the Council