

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Record of decisions taken by the Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources at a meeting held in the Committee Room Two, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney on Wednesday 17 May 2017 at 9:00am in accordance with powers delegated by the Leader of the Council

PRESENT

Councillor T J Morris (Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources)

Officers in Attendance: Kath Leonard, Isabel Collins, Frank Wilson and Paul Cracknell

1. NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions taken at the meeting held on 8 February 2017, copies of which had been circulated, was signed by the Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources.

2. 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 items 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.

3. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

The report of the Joint Head of Revenues and Housing Support containing exempt information in respect of applications for Discretionary Rate Relief for the 2017/2018 business rates year was received.

DECISIONS:

(a) That the following level of Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded in respect of the applications set out below for the 2017/2018 Business Rates Year:-

Application Number	Percentage of Discretionary Rate Relief
1.03	20%
1.04	20%
1.06	20%
1.07	20%
1.08	20%
2.01	20%
2.02	20%
2.03	20%
2.04	20%
2.05	20%

2.06	20%
2.07	20%

- (b) That consideration of application Nos. 1.01 and 1.02 be deferred pending receipt of further information regarding the activities undertaken by the organisation within the District.
- (c) That consideration of application No. 1.05 be deferred pending the introduction of the new scheme of Rate Relief established as part of the March 2017 budget.

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 applicants and the extent to which their objectives reflected those of the Local Authority.

In respect of application Nos.1.01 and 1.02 it was considered that further information regarding the nature and extent of the activities undertaken by the organisation within the District was required. With regard to application No. 1.05 it was considered that it would be inappropriate to grant discretionary relief to an enterprise of this nature under the current scheme but acknowledged that the business was likely to receive some relief under the new scheme.

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

The meeting closed at 9.15am

Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources