

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 Friday 4 August 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: Chris Kent, Jenny Poole and Frank Wilson

4. NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions taken at the meeting held on 17 May 2017, copies of which had been circulated, was signed by the Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Cabinet Member for Resources took advice from officers present and concluded that the report and its appendix did not disclose exempt information such as to outweigh the public interest in the public being able to attend the meeting, and accordingly -

RESOLVED: that the public be not excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the report circulated as agenda item no. 3 for the meeting.

6. 2017/18 BUSINESS RATES REVALUATION DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEME

The report of the Strategic Director and Head of Paid Service relating to the award of Discretionary Rate Relief in accordance with the scheme announced by the Government in the March 2017 budget was received and considered.

The Cabinet Member was advised that there (i) were two applications which needed to be withdrawn for further consideration; (ii) were seven applications where the recommended amounts had been re-calculated; and (iii) would need to be a further meeting early in September to deal with further applications.

DECISION: That Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded as recommended in the Appendix to the report and attached to the original copy of these minutes, subject to:

- (a) The withdrawal from consideration at this stage of the applications relating to Church Green Dental Practice and Harpers Menswear; and
- (b) The following relief awards being substituted for those included in the previously circulated Appendix:

Applicant	Relief Approved
Cotswold Inns and Hotels Ltd	£4859.90
Mr Stephen Nolan	£960.64
Elm of Burford Ltd	£728.18
Gemma Design Ltd	£639.37
Seldram Supplies (Oxford) Ltd	£667.50
Steve Claridge	£630.00
Watermoor Meat Ltd	£738.89

REASONS: The awards made were in accordance with the Government's scheme and considered to support the Council's vision and priorities and the local economy. The level of relief granted reflected the scheme design criteria set out in the report and therefore related to the impact of the 2017 revaluation on individual businesses.

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

The meeting closed at 9.20 am

Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources