

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 13 December 2017 at 9:10am 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, Frank Wilson and Paul Cracknell

11. NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions taken at the meeting held on 27 September 2017, copies of which had been circulated, was signed by the Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources.

12. 2017/18 BUSINESS RATES REVALUATION DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEME

The report of the Group Manager Go Shared Services 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.

DECISION: That Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded as recommended in the Appendix to the report.

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.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that the Cabinet Member 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, the public be excluded from the meeting.

14. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

The report of the Group Manager Go Shared Services 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
1.02	20%
1.03	20%
1.04	20%
1.05	20%

(b) That no Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded in respect of application No. 1.01

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 No.1.01 it was considered that it would be inappropriate to grant discretionary relief to an enterprise of this nature under the scheme.

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

The meeting closed at 9.20am

Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources