

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Record of decisions taken by the Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources at a meeting held in the Committee Room One, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney on Wednesday 6 June 2018 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, Chris Kent and Paul Cracknell

1. NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions taken at the meeting held on 21 February 2018, copies of which had been circulated, was signed by the Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources.

2. 2018/2019 BUSINESS RATE RELIEF REVALUATION - DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEME

The Report of the Group Manager for Customer Services, Revenues and Housing Support Services which sought approval of a scheme of discretionary rate relief for the 2018/2019 financial year was received and considered. The report also suggested that Officers be authorised to award relief in accordance with the approved scheme.

**DECISIONS:**

- (a) That the scheme as detailed in the appendix to the report be adopted.
- (b) That Officers be authorised to award relief in accordance with the approved scheme subject to regular reporting of expenditure to Members.

3. 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.

4. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

The report of the Group Manager for Customer Services, Revenues and Housing Support Services containing exempt information in respect of applications for Discretionary Rate Relief for the 2018/2019 business rates year was received and considered.

**DECISIONS:**

- (a) That the following level of Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded in respect of the applications set out below for the 2018/2019 Business Rates Year:-

Application Number	Percentage of Discretionary Rate Relief
1.2	20%
1.4	50%
2.1	20%
2.2	20%
2.3	20%
2.4	20%
2.5	20%
2.6	20%
2.7	20%
2.8	20%

(b) That no Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded in respect of application Nos. 1.1 and 1.3 for the reasons set out in the report.

**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.1.1 the premises had now been sold generating a significant capital receipt. In respect of application No. 1.4 Small Business Rate Relief had been granted.

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

The meeting closed at 9.10am

Cabinet Member Responsible for Resources