

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Record of decisions taken by the **Cabinet Member for Resources** at a meeting held in Committee Room Two, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney on **Wednesday 9 October 2019** at 9:00am in accordance with powers delegated by the Leader of the Council

PRESENT

Councillor Toby Morris (Cabinet Member for Resources)

Officers in Attendance: Chris Kent, Joe Williams and Paul Cracknell

7. NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions taken at the meeting held on 21 August 2019, copies of which had been circulated, was signed by the Cabinet Member for Resources.

8. 2019/2020 BUSINESS RATE RELIEF REVALUATION - DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEME

The Report of the Group Manager, Residents' Services which sought approval of a scheme of discretionary rate relief for the 2019/2020 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 of discretionary rate relief as detailed in the appendix to the report be approved and adopted.
- (b) That the Group Manager, Residents' Services be authorised to award relief in accordance with the approved scheme.

REASONS: The proposed scheme was in line with that announced by the Government in the March 2017 Budget and its implementation would support the local community

OPTIONS: None applicable.

9. 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 remaining item of business there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I 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.

10. DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

The report of the Group Manager, Residents' Services containing exempt information regarding applications for discretionary rate relief was received and considered.

DECISIONS:

That the following level of Discretionary Rate Relief be awarded in respect of the applications set out below for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 business rates years:-

Application Number	Percentage of Discretionary Rate Relief
I.1	20%
I.2	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 applicants 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 9.10am

Cabinet Member for Resources