

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD SHEET

<b>Name of decision maker:</b>	<b>Nigel Howcutt</b>
<b>Officer title:</b>	<b>Assistant Director (Finance &amp; Resources)</b>
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	

  

<b>Title of Decision:</b>	<b>Update of business rates Revaluation Relief scheme 2017-18 to 2020-21 for year 4</b>
<b>Part 1 or Part 2 decision:</b>	<b>Part 1</b>
<b>Reason, if Part 2:</b>	

  

<b>Decision made and reasons:</b> <p>To update the Revaluation Relief scheme for business rates introduced by decision of the Assistant Director (Finance &amp; Resources) on 25 October 2017.</p> <p>The scheme is being updated with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• details of the distribution methodology for year 4 of the scheme (2019/20)</li></ul> <p>The updated scheme <i>Revaluation relief 2017-18 to 2020-21 (year 4) DBC Policy</i> is attached to this document.</p> <p>Overall, the scheme provided for £654,857 of relief for businesses facing large increases in business rates bills as a consequence of the 2017 revaluation. The relief is paid for from Government funding, with the amount split by year as follows: 2017/18 - £382,000; 2018/19 - £185,543; 2019/20 - £76,400; 2020/21 - £10,914.</p> <p>This decision is to confirm the distribution of the £10,914 for the final year of the scheme.</p>	
<b>Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)</b> <p>Report to Cabinet 25 July 17 (ref CA/078/17) Officer decision – Introduction of business rates revaluation relief scheme (published 25 October 2017)</p>	
<b>Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:</b> <p>Portfolio Holder (Finance &amp; Resources) Group Manager (Revenues, Benefits &amp; Fraud)</p>	
<b>Deputy Monitoring Officer comments:</b> <p>No comments to add to the report.</p> <b>Deputy S151 comments:</b> <p>This is the final transitional relief payments due to businesses as a result of the 2017/18 business rates revaluation. This policy will distribute the final £11k of relief across DBC and is fully funded through central government grants.</p>	
<b>Implications:</b>	Government has stated it will meet the full costs of reliefs granted in line with its recommendations, and so there is no financial cost to the Council.

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**Risk:** There is a risk of reputational damage if the Council is not seen to be taking action based on these Government recommendations.

**Value for Money:** The scheme has been designed to maximise the relief granted, while ensuring that the expenditure fits within the funding provided by central Government.

**Options Considered and reasons for rejection:**  
See Cabinet report for further information.

**Officer's Signature:**

**Date:**

**Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:**

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