

27/02/2020

## Record of Decision taken by Executive Councillor

**Decision title:** Changes to Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy

**Executive Councillor making the decision:** Cllr Ross Henley

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**Date of Decision:** 26/02/2020

**Details of decision:** To approve policy updates to the Local Newspaper Discount, Retail Discount and the application of a new pub discount following changes announced by government on 27 January 2020.

Existing Local Newspaper Relief extended until 31 March 2025

Existing Retail Relief Discount increased from one third to 50% with effect from 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021

A new Pub Discount scheme of £1,000 created for qualifying pubs with a rateable value of less than £100,000 for 2020/21

**Reasons for proposed decision:** We already have provision for Local Newspaper Discount, Retail Discount and Pub Relief in our existing policy, this document is to agree to amend the dates of the award periods and the amounts in accordance with new guidance.

**Alternative funding options sourced:** N/A

<b>The below has been completed:</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>	<b>Date</b>
Relevant ward councillor(s) consulted		
<b>The following are if appropriate / applicable: Yes/No. If yes the implications should be attached to this decision notice.</b>		
Finance implications	No additional cost to authority as this will be reimbursed by central government	
Legal implications	N/A	
Links to corporate aims	N/A	
Climate and Sustainability implications	N/A	
Community Safety Implications	N/A	

Equalities Impact	N/A	
Safeguarding Implications		
Risk management	N/A	
Partnership implications	N/A	

**Any conflicts of interest declared by Leader or Executive Members consulted on the proposed decision. If Yes provide confirmation from Chief Executive to grant dispensation for the Leader's / Executive Member's views to be considered.**

**Decision Maker**

**I am aware of the details of this decision(s), considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.**

**Signed:** R.L. Henley  
**Name:** ROSS HENLEY  
**Date:** 26/2/2020

**Note – This decision record is for decisions taken by Executive Councillors. The decision(s) can be implemented following publication and the period for any call-in has expired.**

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